YOUR GUIDE FOR HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS, PG 31

Check Your Numbers
LOTTO SUPER 7
LOTTO 649
OLG
www.OLG.ca

The world's largest global newspaper
metro
TORONTO • THURSDAY DECEMBER 4 2008 metronews.ca

Sports Pg 20

Raps fire Sam; Maurice back with 'Canes

Boy, 3, dies from party injuries

ATTACK The three-year-old boy stabbed in a horrific attack at a birthday party in south Oshawa on Saturday has died.

Nathan Kelly, of Glen Street in Oshawa, died yesterday morning at the Hospital for Sick Children, according to Durham police.

The boy's mother, 26-year-old Leslie Kelly, was killed Saturday as she attempted to save her husband's life by diving in front of a man wielding a knife who had entered the family's townhouse. Leslie's husband, Rick, 29, and two of their children, including Nathan, were rushed to hospital with stab wounds.

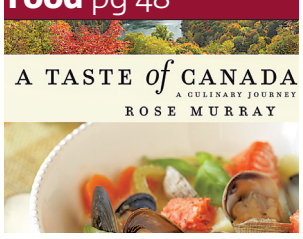
The attacker, 47-year-old Gino Petralia of Oshawa, was later shot to death by Durham police.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CD Reviews pg 54

Britney's Circus comes to town

Food pg 48



Smorgasbord of cookbooks

ShareYourViews
torontoletters@metronews.ca

DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shoppers watch on television screens at an electronics store in Vancouver yesterday as Prime Minister Stephen Harper addresses the country. Harper plans to meet with Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean today to try to block an opposition coalition from seizing power.

Prime-time PM

Harper tells nation coalition would harm unity, democracy

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will meet with Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean this morning to try to block a handover of power to a coalition of opposition parties he says threatens Canada's economic stability.

In his first televised address to the nation as prime minister, a determined Harper took to the airwaves last night to argue the NDP-Liberal coalition poised to defeat his Conservatives would damage the country's unity, economy and democracy.

The speech was short — just four-and-a-half minutes — during which he offered no olive branch to his critics, but for stating he hoped they would bring forward budgetary advice to him.

Faced with a united opposition that accuses him of doing nothing on the economy, Harper listed economic measures his government has announced so far, including tax cuts and infrastructure spending, and promised more spending in a Jan. 27 budget "to boost Canada's economy."

But Harper defended what critics called his foot dragging. He said his government is consulting widely, doing "due diligence" before bailing out sectors of the auto industry, and is meeting with premiers and other world leaders on a plan.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion made his own pitch to Canadians last night, arguing the Governor General should give the coalition a chance to govern, saying the Conservatives "have lost the right to govern."

NDP Leader Jack Layton said Canada is at "a crossroads in our collective history" with a coalition government ready to replace a Conservative government that he said has done little to help ordinary Canadians during the toughest economic times in a generation.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Is this thing on?

• In the battle of the airwaves last night, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion showed up almost an hour late and a few pixels short in his duel with the prime minister he hopes to replace. The comedy of errors had the crew at CTV musing on air that it was a poor start for a leader hoping to take over the government in the midst of an economic crisis.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Choose your side at rallies

Political battle lines drawn on Parliament Hill are being extended from coast to coast with several rallies planned today in support of a new coalition government and counter demonstrations in defence of Stephen Harper's minority Conservatives set for the weekend.

The rallies come as the Liberals and New Democrats, with the backing of the Bloc Québécois, threaten to topple the government as early as Monday.

The Canadian Labour Congress is organizing pro-coalition events for today in several major cities, with the aim of expressing support for the coalition's stated goal of tackling the economic crisis.

"We saw a group of parliamentarians ... prepared to come up with an economic plan that we thought started to meet the needs (of Canadians)," president Ken Georgetti said of the Liberal-NDP coalition.

Georgetti adds he isn't unsettled by the role of the separatist Bloc. "They represent their constituents the same as every other MP."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Events

• Today's events are planned for Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Regina, Ottawa, London, Ont., Moncton, Halifax, Charlottetown and St. John's. Others will be held tomorrow in Yellowknife and on Saturday in Toronto and Montreal.

iPhone 3G | Some stockings have all the luck.
ONLY $199 ON SELECT 3-YEAR PLANS*
the new fido Giving low prices a good home.
ROGERS

*Pricing based on 8 GB version with subscription to 3-year term plan with minimum $30 monthly service fee. Early cancellation fees apply. Apple, the Apple logo and iPhone are trademarks of Apple Inc., registered in the U.S. and other countries. TMRogers & Mobius design are trademarks of Rogers Communications Inc. used under license. TMFido & design are trademarks of Fido Solutions Inc. used under license. © 2008 Rogers Wireless.

Free Daily News Group Inc., operating as Metro Toronto 1 Concorde Gate, Suite 703, Toronto, Ontario M3C 3N6. Publisher: Bill McDonald

Cardigan $29.90
H&M
MOST FASHIONABLE GIFTS

Diabetes drug found in health supplement container
Toronto police issued a public safety alert yesterday after diabetes medication was found in a tampered health supplement container. Police said a customer found the medication in a container of Health Balance Super Concentrate Omega 3 gel pills, purchased at a Costco in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Rinks to remain open till mid-March

Toronto will keep 14 of its 49 artificial ice rinks open the first two weeks of March, weather permitting, city council decided yesterday. Unfortunately, March break begins March 16, the day after the rinks close, but the weather is too iffy to stay open later, said Coun. Paula Fletcher, chair of the parks and environment committee.

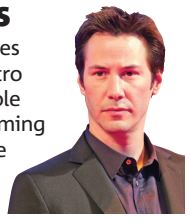
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

INDEX

Canada Pg 8
World Pg 12
Comment Pg 16
Business Pg 18
Sports Pg 20
Metro Homes Pg 25
Shopping Guide Pg 31
Food Pg 48
Style Pg 52
Entertainment Pg 54
TV Listings Pg 59
Celebrity Buzz Pg 60
Take Five Pg 62

Tomorrow's Metro

Movies



Keanu Reeves talks to Metro about his role in the upcoming The Day The Earth Stood Still.

metronews.ca
What's online today.

Video Canada's Sea King is the Energizer Bunny of naval aviation at **metronews.ca/canada**
Movies showtimes, trailers reviews and purchase tickets at **metronews.ca/movies**
Video Can cellphones actually pop popcorn? Find out at **metronews.ca/canada**

Lotteries
Results not available at press time.

Crackdown on buildings

An east-end highrise became one of the first targets of the city's new apartment inspection team yesterday, and officials expect to serve its owners with orders to fix more than 100 problems.

Tenants of 500 Dawes Rd., in the Main Street and Danforth Road area, were on hand to meet with bylaw inspection officers who are part of a city initiative that began cracking down on buildings in disrepair Monday. Among their complaints: Long-term cockroach and bedbug infestations. Elevators that didn't work properly — some said they'd been trapped inside them for hours at a time. Heating problems. A front entrance that wasn't secure.

Bill Blakes, a manager with the city's Municipal Licensing and Standards division, said the building was chosen for inspection because of a litany of tenant complaints and concerns expressed by local Coun. Janet Davis.

"What we're going to do today is put a full-court press on this landlord and other landlords as this program unfolds. We're going to use the tools we have available to make sure they repair their buildings, and that tenants who pay decent rent have decent apartments. They have a right to that," Davis said.

Blakes said he expects the landlord to be slapped with about five compliance orders relating to more than 100 deficiencies. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Targets

- The city's inspection team plans to crack down on 176 buildings — four per city ward over the next year.

TONY BOCK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A resident sweeps up dead cockroaches from his apartment at 500 Dawes Rd. yesterday. The City of Toronto kicked off an inspection blitz this week for apartment buildings in disrepair.

Toxic substance bylaw OK'd

COUNCIL Toronto council has overwhelmingly endorsed a sweeping new bylaw requiring small and medium businesses to disclose annually their emissions of 25 toxic substances.

The "right-to-know" bylaw, approved yesterday by a 33-3 vote, will go into effect Jan. 1, 2010. It will be phased in over several years to give facilities time to understand the bylaw and find ways to track and reduce their emissions.

The collected data will be put on the Internet, where residents will be able to search for the presence of pollutants in their neighbourhoods.

Mayor David Miller promoted the bylaw, arguing residents should know about what chemicals are being emitted. "We have an absolute right to regulate here, and it's necessary," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fines

- Toronto's bylaw will affect about 7,000 small- and medium-sized businesses. Failure to report would be met with fines starting at $5,000 for the first offence and $25,000 for the second.

Senior found slain in Etobicoke apartment

CRIME For Carol Phillips, yesterday's slaying of a 72-year-old man in her apartment complex was enough to make the 46-year-old want to pack up her belongings immediately and move out.

"This doesn't make me feel too safe," she said, outside the Coin St. co-op, near Lakeshore Boulevard and Tenth Avenue, in Etobicoke.

Richard Clements was pronounced dead in his 13th-floor apartment around noon yesterday. A friend found him, police said, and called 9-1-1.

Little information was available yesterday and as homicide detectives left the bloody scene they appealed for witnesses and anyone who knew the whereabouts of the elderly victim in the last few days. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DEL CONDOMINIUM RENTALS
Toronto's Leading Rental Management Company

Leasing Applications Currently Being Accepted at The Verve

Open house • Monday – Thursday 11 - 7 and Friday – Sunday 12 - 6

The Verve – 120 Homewood Ave. (Jarvis & Wellesley)
Call Kim at 416.966.1140
www.delrentals.com

DEL CONDOMINIUM RENTALS INC.

Second ferry considered for island airport

The Toronto Port Authority is exploring the idea of purchasing a second ferry to service the city's island airport. Ken Lundy, the director of the Toronto City Centre Airport, said the second ferry would cost about $4 million. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Flooded with fakes

$4 million in counterfeit goods seized across GTA

Just days after police seized about $4 million in counterfeit goods from GTA flea markets, authorities and industry groups are warning consumers to watch out for fakes during the holiday shopping season.

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lawyer Lorne M. Lipkus holds up a real spray bottle of CLR, left, and a fake one labelled C&R at at a counterfeiting training seminar in Markham yesterday.

"Counterfeit goods seized in Canada now include any product that you can think of," RCMP Supt. Graham Burnside said yesterday at a news conference at an anti-counterfeiting training seminar in Markham.

"In some cases, when retailers are not always practising due diligence, these goods have infiltrated major supply chains, and in turn have been sold to unsuspecting consumers.

"As you can imagine, many of the products counterfeited today involve serious health and safety risks," such as counterfeit batteries, which can leak toxic chemicals or even explode, he said.

In eight cases, children were burned by leaking batteries, though it wasn't clear whether the batteries were fakes or just defective, he said.

Thousands of counterfeit products — from Bakugan brand toy robots and Nokia cellphones to Calvin Klein underwear — were confiscated last Thursday in a series of countrywide raids that included the Pickering Markets, the Downsview Park Merchants' Market and Dr. Flea's Market, said attorney Lorne M. Lipkus, whose firm served counterfeiters with lawsuits from the brands they imitated.

The items, labelled "Counterfeit" and "Evidence," were laid out on tables at the training seminar, some of them marked as potentially dangerous. A set of hair straightening irons was tagged, "Sample irons tested do not meet the applicable CSA standards and could pose a shock and fire hazard."

The raids were executed overnight by Toronto and Durham Region police to make sure consumers weren't affected, Lipkus said. Some stalls were completely stripped of their merchandise, he said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

York workers claim job security at stake

STRIKE It's not about the money. It's not about the benefits either.

The real reason Rob Heynen spent yesterday afternoon marching down Bay Street with snarled traffic at his back and biting wind in his face was something else altogether: Job security.

"The uncertainty of never knowing how much work I'm going to have, how much money I'm going to make, what the courses are going to be — it's really psychologically tiring," said the 39-year-old, who has been teaching political science, social science and geography at York University for the last six years. "Whatever I can get."

Heynen was among hundreds of striking York staff, mostly other contract faculty and teaching assistants, who gathered outside the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities at 900 Bay St. Yesterday marked four full weeks since they walked out on Nov. 6.

The crowd was boisterous, the mood festive, as reggae music clapped against the walls of the Bay Street government offices and towering condo buildings. Speaker after speaker, about 20 by the time the day was over, hammered home what they said was a major discrepancy in York's budget: Contract faculty and teaching assistants account for more than 50 per cent of the teaching at York University, and earn 7.5 per cent of total revenues.

"The uncertainty of never knowing how much work I'm going to have ... it's really psychologically tiring."
York University staffer Rob Heynen

"That's what a lot of people went out on strike for. And a lot of people are willing to stay out until we get job security for contract faculty," said teaching assistant and union organizer Christina Rousseau.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gun program a 'success'

AMNESTY The Pixels for Pistols campaign finished on Monday, with more than 1,400 guns collected in exchange for digital cameras.

The 40-day gun amnesty program managed by the Toronto police and co-sponsored by Henry's, a local camera retailer, is being called "a great success."

"We never imagined we'd get the response that we did," said Det. Sgt. Chris Boddy. "A lot of it has to do with the fact that people have unwanted firearms in their homes, and when they hear of the program, they realize now would be a good time to get rid of the firearms."

The program rewarded those who turned both legal and illegal firearms over to the police by giving them a digital camera in exchange.

Max Payne, the marketing director for Henry's, is hopeful that some other local businesses will follow the example of this year's program.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Third one

- This was the third gun amnesty program implemented by Toronto police.

Where Will Your *Life's Journey* Take You?

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL

Wherever you are in life, the flexible financing options from Wells Fargo Financial may be able to help you on your way. Manage your credit and reach your financial goals with:

- Personal loans to pay for planned and unexpected expenses.
- Bill consolidation options that free up money in your budget.
- Mortgage refinances to lower your monthly mortgage payment.
- Home equity loans to make improvements or cover larger purchases.
- Insurance products to protect your credit and property.

To learn more, visit **http://wellsfargofinancial.ca/credit1** or call **1-866-814-1065** to speak with a Wells Fargo Financial lending specialist today!

Wells Fargo Financial Corporation Canada is associated with Wells Fargo & Co. that is not regulated in Canada as a financial institution, a bank company or an insurance holding company.

'TIS BETTER TO GIVE AND RECEIVE.

(RED)

Every time you buy a (STARBUCKS)RED EXCLUSIVE beverage, we'll give 5¢ to the Global Fund to help save lives in Africa.

Do Something Good Every Day.

Peppermint Mocha Twist | Espresso Truffle | Gingersnap Latte

STARBUCKS IS A PROUD PARTNER OF (PRODUCT)RED

© 2008 Starbucks Coffee Company. All rights reserved. The (STARBUCKS)RED EXCLUSIVES are available 11/27/08–1/2/09 at participating Canada Starbucks stores. Does not include Barnes & Noble Cafés.

ORGEL table lamp $19.99 was $24.99. Handmade paper shade. Lacquered steel base. Max 60W. W15×H57cm. RA.

NEW LOWER PRICE

ORGEL table lamp

$19.99

was ~~$24.99~~

IKEA STOCKHOLM bowl $39.99. Stainless steel. Ø42cm.

LACK side table $14.99/ea was $19.99/ea. Assorted colours. Embossed painted finish. L55×W55×H45cm. RA.

NEW LOWER PRICE

LACK side table

$14.99/ea

was ~~$19.99/ea~~

THE IKEA GIFT CARD
Available in any denomination so they can choose the perfect gift.

Tall, handsome, and loves a good book.

BILLY bookcase

BILLY bookcase with BYOM glass doors and extra shelf

$229

was ~~$265~~

Valid from Dec. 4–7 only.

BILLY bookcase with BYOM glass doors and extra shelf $229 was $265. Black-brown. Ash veneer. Adjustable shelves. W80×D28×H202cm. RA.

$79

was ~~$115~~

BRANÄS basket. Rattan. Handwoven. Fits in BILLY bookcase. **Basket $6.99.** L25×W23×H15cm. **Basket $6.99.** L25×W23×H23cm.

NEW LOWER PRICE

REKTANGEL vase

$5.99

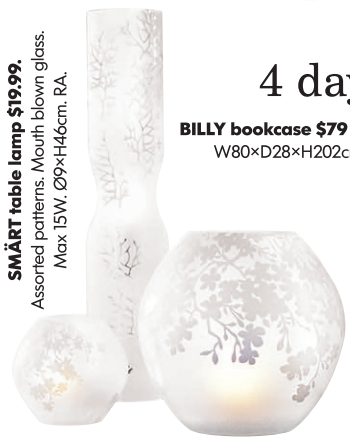
was ~~$8.99~~

REKTANGEL vase series.
Mouth blown glass. **$3.99 was $4.99.** H14cm.
$5.99 was $8.99. H22cm.
SMYCKA amaryllis $9.99/ea. H65cm.

RIBBA frame series. Black.
$6.99. 5×7". Holds 3½×5½" picture with mat.
$8.99. 8×10". Holds 5×7" picture with mat.
$10.99. 9×9". Holds 5×5" picture with mat.

NORESUND table $19.99.
Black-brown. Powder coated steel.
Ø50×H66cm. RA.

SMÄRT table lamp $19.99. Assorted patterns. Mouth blown glass. Max 15W. Ø9×H46cm. RA.



KNUBBIG table lamp

$16.99

KNUBBIG table lamp series. Assorted colours. Mouth blown glass. Max 15W. RA. **$9.99.** Ø12×H11cm. **$16.99.** Ø20×H21cm.

4 days only! December 4–7

BILLY bookcase $79 was $115. Black-brown, birch veneer and beech veneer. Adjustable shelves. W80×D28×H202cm. RA. **LIMIT 2 PER CUSTOMER.** While supplies last. No rain checks.

POLARVIDE throw $5.99/ea. Assorted colours. 100% polyester. L170×W130cm.

TULLSTA armchair $129.
Natural. 100% cotton cover.
W80×D72×H78cm. RA.

20 meatballs and fries

$6.99

After 11am daily.

IKEA VAUGHAN
200 Interchange Way
(Hwy 400 & Hwy 7)
Phone: 905-695-5075
Hours:
Mon–Fri 10am–9pm
Saturday 9am–9pm
Sunday 10am–6pm

• Free shuttle bus at Leslie subway (daily).

IKEA NORTH YORK
15 Provost Drive
(Leslie & 401)
Phone: 416-222-4532
Hours:
Mon–Fri 10am–9pm
Saturday 9am–9pm
Sunday 10am–6pm

IKEA ETOBICOKE
1475 The Queensway
(Kipling & Queensway)
Phone: 416-646-4532
Hours:
Mon–Fri 10am–9pm
Saturday 9am–9pm
Sunday 10am–7pm

• Free shuttle bus at Kipling station (daily).

IKEA BURLINGTON
1065 Plains Road East
(QEW to Brant St. to Plains Rd.)
Phone: 905-681-4532
Hours:
Mon–Fri 10am–9pm
Saturday 9am–7pm
Sunday 10am–6pm

www.IKEA.ca

Shop from home or office 1 866 866-IKEA

IKEA®

Love your home

While supplies last. Selection may vary by store. No rain checks. RA = Requires Assembly. Not all products available online. © Inter IKEA Systems B.V. 2008.

Masked man assaults store clerk, flees with cash

A masked man knocked a clerk at an Acton convenience store to the ground and assaulted her before fleeing with cigarettes and cash. The robbery occurred at 9 p.m. Tuesday at Jug City on Mill Street East. The thief is described as white, 5-foot-9 with a slim build. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Defence rests in Boxing Day case

Set aside your anger over the tragic shooting of Jane Creba to calmly and rationally decide on the guilt or innocence of a young man charged with her murder, a jury has been told.

"Our anger, sadness and sympathy must be put aside for another day," defence lawyer Gary Grill said in his closing submissions yesterday. "These emotions have the real potential of impeding the truth, in favour of vengeance," he told the six men and six women on the jury.

J.S.R. has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Creba, who was killed in the crossfire of a gun battle while shopping on Boxing Day 2005.

Grill urged the jury to apply common sense in coming to "the truth that J.S.R. did not fire a gun on that fateful day and did not murder Jane Creba."

"Our anger, sadness and sympathy must be put aside for another day. These emotions have the real potential of impeding the truth, in favour of vengeance."
Defence lawyer Gary Grill

Instead, he added, it was Raphael Louis Woodcock who fired the Ruger 9 mm semi-automatic pistol that J.S.R. was arrested carrying 30 minutes later.

It is agreed at this trial that Woodcock had that gun when a man, identified by Grill as Jeremiah Valentine, began firing his .357 Magnum revolver at a group of males gathered outside the Foot Locker, including J.S.R. It was a bullet from the .357 that killed her.

The Crown alleges, however, that Woodcock passed the gun to J.S.R. during the shootout, and that the younger man emptied the clip firing at the first shooter.

But Grill characterized that as far-fetched. That would mean J.S.R. got the gun from Woodcock without looking back or exchanging words and with Woodcock placing it perfectly into his palm in firing position, Grill said.

The judge finishes his charge to the jury today after which it will retire to consider its verdict.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A NEW SALE EVERY DAY!
VISIT **WWW.THEBAY.COM/TODAY** TO SEE EACH DAY'S OFFER

TODAY ONLY!
THURSDAY, DEC. 4TH

70% OFF
All carry-on upright luggage & totes

By **AIR CANADA**
SAMSONITE
DELSEY
RICARDO BEVERLY HILLS
ATLANTIC
TRAVELPRO
& MORE

Reg. $44-$335 Sale $13.20-$100.50
Excludes all items with 97¢ price endings & any luggage sets.

Shop early. Don't be disappointed. Offer available while quantities last.

Selection will vary by store. Savings are off our regular prices, unless otherwise specified. See in-store for details.

the Bay
WWW.THEBAY.COM

Court rules against union in fines dispute

The Ontario Court of Appeal has upheld a ruling that unions cannot ask courts to enforce the fines they slap on members who cross a picket line.

In a two-to-one ruling yesterday, the Court agreed with a lower court finding that the Union of Taxation Employees Local 70030 could not turn to the courts to force two members to pay a penalty of $476 each — three days gross wages — for agreeing to work for three days during a strike in 2004 at Revenue Canada.

The court's decision stated that a fine is "unconscionable" when one party, such as a union, has an unfair advantage over a member by virtue of its constitution. The Court also agreed the fine was excessive.

"These kinds of picket line disputes should be dealt with internally, not by making the courts responsible."
John Craig

"This is very good news, and follows a path of decisions in other provinces that these kinds of picket line disputes should be dealt with internally, not by making the courts responsible," said labour lawyer John Craig of Heenan Blaikie, who represented the two Ottawa workers.

Revenue Canada employees Jeffrey Birch and April Luberti chose to cross the picket line after several days of a strike in 2004.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police warn of silent killer after tragedy

OPP Const. Laurie Hawkins continued to fight for her life yesterday at Toronto General Hospital, after an apparent case of carbon monoxide poisoning that claimed the lives of her husband and two children on Monday morning.

Meanwhile, experts say the fact the 41-year-old Woodstock woman survived at all was by pure chance.

"Part of it is positional, where she was in the house, and a lot is chance," said Dr. Michael Rieder, a professor at the University of Western Ontario and an emergency room physician. "People's responses to things are different. Some people are more resistant (to) toxins like carbon monoxide," said Rieder.

Sadly, said Rieder, such incidents are not uncommon, especially in a Canadian winter.

"(Houses) are sealed up. You reduce air changes," he said. "And Canadian houses are the most insulated in the world."

Police have released few details about the potential source of the deadly gas in the Hawkins home, but a news conference is scheduled for today at 10 a.m., said Oxford Community Police Staff Sgt. Nancy Lenehan.

Late Monday morning, after Hawkins had not shown up for work, a group of officers went to her home around 11 a.m.

When no one answered, they forced open the door. Hawkins' husband Richard, 40, daughter Cassandra, 14, and son Jordan, 12, were all dead.

Hawkins had faint vital signs and was rushed initially to Woodstock Hospital and then to Toronto General.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BlackBerry

WE HAVE CANADA'S MOST AFFORDABLE RATES.[1] KOODO™ AND FIDO™ DON'T.

We're not called "so-low" for nothing.

Plans as low as $15 a month ▪ No System Access Fee[2]

No Connection Charge ▪ No Tab

1 877 999-SOLO solomobile.ca

Solo™ mobile

Available at the following Solo Mobile kiosks:

BARRIE
Georgian Mall
BRAMPTON
Bramalea City Centre
BURLINGTON
Burlington Mall
ETOBICOKE
Woodbine Centre
HAMILTON
Lime Ridge Mall
KITCHENER
Fairview Park Mall
LONDON
Masonville Place
MISSISSAUGA
Square One Shopping Centre
Dixie Outlet Mall
NEWMARKET
Upper Canada Mall
NORTH YORK
Fairview Mall
ORLÉANS
Place d'Orléans
OSHAWA
Oshawa Centre
OTTAWA
Carlingwood Shopping Centre
Rideau Centre
St. Laurent Centre
SCARBOROUGH
Scarborough Town Centre
Scarborough Town Centre II
ST. CATHARINES
Pen Centre
SUDBURY
New Sudbury Centre
TORONTO
Centerpoint Mall
Dufferin Mall
Toronto Life Square
Yorkdale
VAUGHAN
Vaughan Mills
WINDSOR
Devonshire Mall

Available at the following Bell stores:

AJAX
Durham Centre
ALLISTON
36 Young St.
ANCASTER
Meadowlands Plaza
AURORA
14751 Yonge St.
SmartCentres Aurora
BARRIE
44 Cedar Pointe Dr.
632 Yonge St.
Barrie Power Centre
Georgian Mall (kiosk)
BELLEVILLE
Quinte Mall
BOLTON
SmartCentres Bolton
BOWMANVILLE
Clarington Place
BRACEBRIDGE
Bracebridge Shopping Centre
BRAMPTON
59 First Gulf Blvd.
100 Great Lakes Dr.
10086 Hurontario St.
Airport & Hwy 7
Bramalea City Centre
Shoppers World Brampton
BRANTFORD
Brantford Harmony Square
Lynden Park Mall
Sobeys Plaza
BROCKVILLE
1000 Islands Mall
BURLINGTON
1100 Walkers Line
Appleby Crossing
Burlington Mall
Mapleview Shopping Centre
CAMBRIDGE
499 Hespeler Rd.
Cambridge Centre
CHATHAM
853 St. Clair St.
Downtown Chatham Centre
COBOURG
Northumberland Mall
COLLINGWOOD
Blue Mountain Mall
COOKSTOWN
Cookstown Outlet Mall
CORNWALL
Cornwall Square
DUNDAS
101 Osler Dr.
ETOBICOKE
Cloverdale Mall
Sherway Gardens
Sherway Gardens (kiosk)
Woodbine Centre
FERGUS
890 Tower St. South
FORT ERIE
International Gateway Centre
GEORGETOWN
330 Guelph St.
GODERICH
Suncoast Mall
GUELPH
240 Silvercreek Pkwy
Clairfields Centre
Stone Road Mall
HAMILTON
1289 Upper James St.
Centre Mall
Eastgate Square
Lime Ridge Mall
Lloyd D. Jackson Square
HANOVER
425 10th St.
HUNTSVILLE
Huntsville Square
KANATA
510 Earl Grey Dr.
KESWICK
Glenwoods Centre
KINGSTON
Cataraqui Town Centre
Kingston Centre
Taylor Kidd Marketplace
KITCHENER
3012 King St. East
Fairview Park Mall
Highland Hills Mall
Sunrise Shopping Centre
LEAMINGTON
County Fair Mall
LINCOLN
4961 King St. East
LINDSAY
229 Kent St. West
Whitney Town Centre
LONDON
125 York St.
1920 Dundas St. East
Masonville Place
Westmount Shopping Centre
White Oaks Mall
MAPLE
2810 Major MacKenzie Dr.
MARKHAM
7357 Woodbine Ave.
Cachet Village Market Village
Markville Shopping Centre
Pacific Mall
RioCan Marketplace
MIDLAND
Mountainview Mall
MILTON
377 Main St. East
MISSISSAUGA
980 Eglinton Ave. East
2800 Skymark Ave.
6965 Davand Dr.
Dixie Value Mall
Erin Mills Town Centre
Heartland Power Centre
Sheridan Centre
Square One Shopping Centre
Square One Shopping Centre (kiosk)
SmartCentres Westgate
NEPEAN
50 Marketplace Ave.
1541 Merivale Rd.
Bayshore Shopping Centre
NEWMARKET
Upper Canada Mall
NIAGARA FALLS
3714 Portage Rd.
Niagara Square
NORTH BAY
975 McKeown Ave.
Century Centre Plaza
Northgate Square
NORTH YORK
170 Rimrock Rd.
2081 Steeles Ave. West
Centerpoint Mall
Crossroads Plaza
Empress Walk
Lawrence Square
North York
Sheridan Mall
Sheppard Centre
Yorkgate Mall
OAKVILLE
Hopedale Mall (kiosk)
Oakville Place
Winston Power Centre
ORANGEVILLE
114 Broadway Ave.
ORILLIA
Orillia Square Mall
ORLÉANS
Place d'Orléans
SmartCentres Orleans
OSHAWA
Five Points Mall
Oshawa Centre
OTTAWA
247 Bank St.
2184 Thurston Dr.
Billings Bridge Plaza
Carlingwood Shopping Centre
Rideau Centre
St. Laurent Centre
OWEN SOUND
Heritage Place
Shoppers Drug Mart Plaza
PARRY SOUND
Parry Sound Mall
PEMBROKE
1018 Pembroke St. East
PETAWAWA
3471B Petawawa Blvd.
PETERBOROUGH
746 Lansdowne St. West
Lansdowne Place
PICKERING
570 Kingston Rd. Pickering Town Centre
RICHMOND HILL
Elgin Mills Crossing
Hillcrest Mall
Richmond Heights Plaza
Time Square Shopping Centre
SARNIA
531 Murphy Rd.
Lambton Mall
SAULT STE. MARIE
270 Bruce St.
The Station Mall
SCARBOROUGH
259 Morningside Ave.
Bridlewood Mall (kiosk)
Cedarbrae Mall (kiosk)
Eglinton Square
Kennedy Commons
Malvern Town Centre
Scarborough Town Centre
SIMCOE
Simcoe Town Centre
SMITHS FALLS
16 Beckwith St. South
ST. CATHARINES
420 Vansickle Rd.
Fairview Mall
Pen Centre
ST. THOMAS
1063 Talbot St.
STITTSVILLE
1250 Main St.
STRATFORD
400 Huron St.
Festival Marketplace
SUDBURY
Brady Square
New Sudbury Centre
Southridge Mall
THORNHILL
Promenade Mall
TILLSONBURG
Tillsonburg Town Centre
TORONTO
85 Hanna Ave.
320 Queen St. West
209 Danforth Ave.
2171 Queen St. East
2256 Bloor St. West
2323 Yonge St.
Bayview Village
Brookfield Place
Chinatown Centre
College Park
Commerce Court
Cumberland Terrace
Dufferin Mall
East York Town Centre
Eaton Centre
Eaton Centre II
Exchange Tower
Gerrard Square
Scotia Plaza
Toronto Life Square
Yorkdale (kiosk)
TRENTON
260 Dundas St. East
UXBRIDGE
307 Toronto St. South
VAUGHAN
Vaughan Mills
WATERLOO
Conestoga Mall
WELLAND
589 South
Pelham St.
Seaway Mall
WHITBY
Whitby Mall
SmartCentres Whitby
WILLOWDALE
Bayview Village
Fairview Mall
WINDSOR
4118 Walker Rd.
Devonshire Mall
St. Clair Shores
Tecumseh Mall
WOODBRIDGE
4080 Hwy 7

Available at: COSTCO WHOLESALE · booth the telephone booth · WAL★MART WE SELL FOR LESS, EVERY DAY™ · WIRELESS etc... · ((WIRELESSWAVE))

Available with compatible devices within Solo Mobile network coverage areas. Subject to change without notice; not combinable with other offers. Upon early termination, price adjustment charges apply. Taxes extra. Other conditions apply. [1] Based on certain monthly voice plan rates, per-second billing on local calls, and access to a coast-to-coast network, with a min. 2-yr contract term on a Solo Mobile monthly plan; excluding promotional and long distance rates, details at solomobile.ca. [2] Available on new activations only. Koodo is a registered trademark of TELUS Corporation. Fido is a registered trademark of Fido Solutions Inc. BlackBerry®, RIM®, Research In Motion®, SureType®, SurePress™ and related trademarks, names and logos are the property of Research In Motion Limited and are registered and/or used in the U.S. and countries around the world. Solo and Solo Mobile are trademarks of Bell Mobility Inc.

Former governor general says coalition is legitimate

The Liberal-NDP coalition should get a chance to govern if the Conservatives are defeated in the House of Commons, former governor general Ed Schreyer said yesterday. He told the CBC that the system requires that a government have the confidence of Parliament. "The parliamentary will must not be ignored, nor must it be avoided or evaded." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

RCMP arrest Alberta murder suspect

People in the small resource town of Edson, Alta., began to lower their guard yesterday after RCMP announced the arrest of a male suspect in the murder of a 14-year-old girl killed on a walking trail. Police have not identified the man, who is a resident of the town, or revealed his age, and said he has not yet been charged. Emily Stauffer, the daughter of a local Baptist pastor, was killed on Sept. 27 while she was walking along a wooded path in a residential area. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Economy no excuse to cut aid: Geldof

ACTIVISM The world's wealthiest countries must maintain their foreign aid in the face of the current economic crisis or risk creating a "human crisis," musician and activist Bob Geldof said during a tour of Winnipeg yesterday.

The former lead singer of the Boomtown Rats and the founder of Live Aid said it's short-sighted for countries to use the global recession as an excuse to cut the meagre aid given to the poorest countries on Earth.

"Governments are always looking for an opportunity to cut the little bit that they give anyway towards the poor part of the world, but that's very short-termist," Geldof said before accepting an international humanitarian award from a Winnipeg hospital foundation. "The issue to hand is not to turn the financial crisis into a human crisis."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jean preaches unity

The day before her country was thrown into a parliamentary crisis that has placed the fate of government in her hands, the governor general told a Hungarian radio host how politicians could make a minority government work.

"Politicians must not lose sight of what is best for the country," Governor General Michaëlle Jean told Joseph Orosz for Klub Radio in Budapest Nov. 26.

Hungary is grappling with its own political crisis as its minority government has become dysfunctional to the point where the opposition has been leading street demonstrations.

The interviewer wanted to know how the minority government in Canada had not become crippled by opposition demands.

"In the current Canadian situation, the hardest (problem) is how to realize long-term plans and government programs," Jean said. "The situation sharpens especially in the lower chamber, the confrontation of parties, but in the end such is democracy. If that is how the electorate voted, the country has to live with the government that formed."

Jean also said parties must work together.

"At a time of credit crisis and economic recession the parties need to be capable of compromise ... Of course obstructionism can happen anywhere, but the first expectation of people is that the elected government should do its duty and govern."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Governor General Michaëlle Jean arrives at her official residence in Ottawa yesterday after cutting short her trip to Europe to return to deal with the parliamentry crisis in Ottawa.

Tories, Alliance attempted coalition with Bloc: Duceppe

POLITICS The Bloc Québécois fired back at the Conservatives for ramping up the national unity rhetoric by revealing the two merged parties that make up the current government had also tried to form a coalition with the separatist party.

> **"My heart would never allow me to do a deal with separatists."**
> Stockwell Day

Bloc Leader Gilles Duceppe said the day of the 2000 election he received a letter from well-known Calgary lawyer Gerry Chipeur proposing his party support a coalition of the now merged Canadian Alliance and Progressive Conservative parties.

The document, which also included an outline for a Throne Speech, was to be signed by Duceppe, then-Alliance Leader Stockwell Day and then-PC Leader Joe Clark the day after the election.

The document was circulated to media watching Question Period from the press gallery yesterday as Day, now trade minister in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government, said he had only learned of the document the night before.

"It is a complete fabrication," Day said in the House of Commons. "Mr. Speaker, I can tell you, my DNA would never allow me to do a deal, a coalition with socialists and my heart would never allow me to do a deal with separatists."

The Bloc then circulated a Globe and Mail article from July 29, 2000, which had Day refusing to rule out a coalition with the Bloc.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Earn 3.10%
on all your C$ savings

Apply now:
icicibank.ca
1.888.424.2422

- No fees or charges
- No minimum balance
- No need to switch from your existing Bank
- Open and manage your account online or by phone

A MEMBER OF CDIC | HiSAVE® Savings Account | ICICI Bank

*Terms and conditions apply. Rate is as of November 20, 2008 and is available only on Canadian Dollar HiSAVE Savings Account and will apply to the balances in the accounts of new and existing customers. HiSAVE Savings Account is the brand name for ICICI Bank Canada's Canadian and U.S. Dollar Personal Savings Accounts opened on-line or by phone. All interest rates are expressed on a per annum basis and are subject to change any time without notice. Interest on HiSAVE Savings Account is calculated on the daily closing balance and paid monthly. ICICI Bank and logo and the HiSAVE name are registered trademarks.
**ICICI Bank Canada is a member of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC). Only deposits held in Canadian currency, having a term of five years or less and payable in Canada are insurable under the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act.

Canadian Cancer Society

Lottery
ONTARIO DIVISION

the *dream* starts here

1 in 5† Odds of WINNING!

new 10 EARLY BIRD prizes of $50,000

Early Bird DEADLINE Only 1 Day Left!

new 10 Incredible Grand Prizes

3 Mega Grand Prizes of $1 Million Cash
7 Grand Prize Cash and Car Packages

Over 47,000 Prizes worth $10.2 Million and ALL Can be Taken as CASH!

2009 BMW 750i **$125,498***

2009 Chevrolet Corvette **$84,936***

Help Fund Cancer Research.
Buy Your Ticket Today!

1 888 990-9093
(416) 667-3259 Toronto Area
Visit us at lottery.cancer.ca

†Odds are approximately 1 in 5. All inquiries, if any, on the "odds of winning" are to be made to the licensee prior to the purchase of ticket(s). Only 260,000 tickets will be sold. Tickets are $100 each or 3 for $250. The total value of all prizes is $10,204,785.65 inclusive of all taxes and freight. Tickets must be purchased in Ontario. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. For a complete listing of the prize pool, the rules and regulations and the draw details, see our full brochure or visit our website at lottery.cancer.ca. Lottery Licence Number 920.
*Includes all taxes and freight. Prizes may not be exactly as shown.

10 canada

Guantanamo Bay captive distant
A psychologist trying to assess Omar Khadr's mental state says the prisoner shows signs of psychological trauma. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier's poverty plan disappoints

A long-awaited plan to tackle child poverty in Ontario will be a "step forward," but not as big a step as the province would have liked to take, Premier Dalton McGuinty acknowledged yesterday.

The plan to be released today will set targets, and legislation will be introduced to support his government's efforts to reduce poverty, McGuinty said.

Tough economic times have hamstrung his ability to do more to help the poor, he warned.

"It's one thing to begin to address poverty at the best of times, it's another to do that in the context of a global economic crisis," McGuinty said.

"If we had more money, we could have had a strategy that would attack poverty for everyone, but we'll start with children" he added later in French.

McGuinty didn't do anything about poverty when the province was flush with cash, so there's little reason to hope he'll do much now, said NDP Leader Howard Hampton.

"This will be more pretending to care about poverty, more pretending to care about children being forced into poverty, but it will amount to next to nothing," he said.

McGuinty promised yesterday that "additional resources" would be provided to reduce child poverty, but he was tight-lipped on the details.

"There will be annual measurements taken that will be public. And there will be a focused strategy in place to help us achieve our target."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Giving to the rich?

- Bad times haven't stopped the premier from allowing 1.5 per cent pay raises for provincial politicians and senior bureaucrats, opposition critics jeered.
- The salary increase included an extra $3,000 for McGuinty himself.

Energy giant targeted by gas attacks, RCMP says

BOMBINGS Calgary-based energy company EnCana was likely the intended target of three gas industry bombings in northern B.C., the RCMP said yesterday, publicly speculating for the first time about what may have motivated the attacks.

The Mounties also released video surveillance images of eight people they want to interview as they investigate the bombings of two pipelines and a wellhead in October near Dawson Creek, not far from the Alberta-B.C. boundary.

The explosions were preceded by a letter that called oil and gas companies, and EnCana in particular, "terrorists" and demanded an immediate halt to operations.

No one was injured in the blasts — which occurred on Oct. 12, 16 and 31 — but two pipelines were damaged and there was a small leak of toxic sour gas at a wellhead.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

AN ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DEC. 5TH & SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH

THE BAY, QUEEN STREET

VISIT SANTA IN HIS CASTLE!
5TH FLOOR, CHRISTMAS STREET, 12PM-5PM

MEET CHARLOTTE, OUR NEW HERITAGE BEAR MASCOT, AS WELL AS OTHER CHARITY PLUSH MASCOTS!
5TH FLOOR, CHRISTMAS STREET, 12PM-5PM

HBC ORNAMENT WORKSHOP
MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT OUT OF THE HBC HERITAGE BLANKET. 5TH FLOOR, CHRISTMAS STREET, 12PM-5PM

HOLIDAY COOKING DEMO
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, LOWER LEVEL, 12:30PM

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING & ETIQUETTE FOR SMALL SPACES WITH ETIQUETTE EXPERT LOUISE FOX
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, LOWER LEVEL, 12PM - 2PM

HOLIDAY LOOKS FOR THE DINING TABLE WITH LOUISE FOX
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, LOWER LEVEL, 2PM - 4PM

THE BAY, BLOOR STREET

HO HO HO THE HOLIDAYS!
HANG OUT WITH SANTA AND HIS ELF AND HAVE A FABULOUS PHOTO TAKEN TOGETHER!
COMPLIMENTARY - CHRISTMAS STREET, 4TH FLOOR, 12PM-4PM

MAKE A HOLIDAY ORNAMENT WITH MRS. CLAUS
DECORATE A FESTIVE CARD AND GIVE IT TO SOMEONE SPECIAL!
CHRISTMAS STREET, 4TH FLOOR, 12PM - 2PM

GIFT WRAPPING!
RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY GIFT WRAPPING WITH ANY PURCHASE.
GUEST SERVICES, MAIN FLOOR

LOOK YOUR HOTTEST EVEN WHEN IT'S COLD OUTSIDE
VISIT ANY OF OUR COSMETICS COUNTERS FOR A COMPLIMENTARY MINI MAKEOVER. MAIN FLOOR

PLUS, DON'T MISS THESE GREAT OFFERS!

50% OFF
- All women's fall & winter fashions BY IZOD
  Off our regular prices.
- All regular & clearance-priced OLYMPIC fashions
- 10 Kt., 14 Kt., & 18 Kt. gold, diamond, gemstone, cubic zirconia & cultured pearl jewellery
- Men's sleepwear & robes BY NAUTICA & JONES NEW YORK
  Off our regular prices.
- Women's sleepwear BY NAUTICA
  Off our regular prices.

40% OFF
Women's fall & winter fashions
BY POINT ZERO, JM COLLECTION & JONES NEW YORK
Point Zero available in missy & plus sizes. Jones New York available in miss, petite & above average sizes & also excludes New Spring Arrivals.

40% OFF
- All fall & winter fashions in the St. Regis Room Queen Street only.
- All women's national brand sleepwear
- Women's daywear BY JONES NEW YORK
  Off our regular prices.
- Infants' fashions BY KUSHIE & VITAMIN BABY
- All CHRISTMAS STREET towels
- All Christmas decorations & trim BY GLUCKSTEINHOME & CHRISTMAS STREET

30% OFF
- Women's fall & winter fashions BY NINE WEST, PETER NYGÅRD, AK ANNE KLEIN & HAGGAR
  Nine West & Peter Nygård are available in missy sizes and excludes New Spring Arrivals. AK Anne Klein is available in missy & petite sizes and excludes New Spring Arrivals.
- All coordinating CHRISTMAS STREET gift wrap, bags, ribbons, bows, raffia & tissue paper

30% OFF
Men's fall & winter fashions in the West End Shop
BY ANDREW MARC, BEN SHERMAN, GIANNI FILACCI, IKE BEHAR NEW YORK, KENNETH COLE NEW YORK, SANYO, STRELLSON, ZANETTI & more

15% OFF
Designer brand watches

Buy a set of OLYMPIC 2010 Mascots & receive a FREE OLYMPIC 2010 short sleeved T-shirt of your choice!

BUY 2, GET 1 FREE
- Women's intimates & warmwear BY JOCKEY
- Men's underwear & thermalwear BY JOCKEY

Free item must be of equal or lesser value.

Spend $50 or more (before taxes) in cosmetics and fragrances & receive a

$50 BAY BEAUTY VIP SAVINGS PASSPORT

Redeem your Bay Beauty VIP Savings Passport by visiting us in the cosmetics and fragrance department each month from December 2008 until April 2009 to get **$10 off your purchase every month***

*The Bay Beauty VIP Savings Passport is redeemable only at the Bay for $10 off any cosmetics or fragrance purchase of $50 or more (before taxes) once each month from December 2008 to April 2009.

Selection will vary by store. Savings are off our regular prices, unless otherwise specified. Everyday Bay Value, just-reduced, Power Buys, Manager's Specials, licensed departments, Salviati, Vera Wang and Hbc Foundation charity merchandise are excluded. When you see "POWER BUY" or "MANAGER'S SPECIAL" you will know we have found an exceptional deal to pass on to you. We may tell you the COMPARABLE VALUE on the price ticket and/or a sign, so you will see the price another retailer in Canada charges or would likely charge for the same or a comparable value item. Quantities of our Power Buys and Manager's Specials and items located in any "Style Outlet" in-store departments are limited and may vary from store to store – no rainchecks or substitutions. When we say "PRICE CUT", we mean the existing everyday price is being lowered temporarily. See in-store for details.

the Bay

WWW.THEBAY.COM

U.S. Nov. 4 voter turnout lower than expected
According to a new voter turnout study, about 130 million Americans voted on Nov. 4, up from 122 million four years ago but falling well short of the 140 million voters some experts had predicted due to disgruntled Republicans who lost faith in their party and stayed home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

World

Ring in fish returned to owner

A U.S. fisherman found a ring inside his catch and tracked down its owner with help from the Internet. Joe Richardson says he lost his class ring, at left, about two weeks after his 1987 graduation from Universal Technical Institute in Houston.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UAW grants concessions under depression threat

Worried about their jobs and warned that the cost of failure could be a depression, hundreds of leaders of the United Auto Workers voted overwhelmingly yesterday to make concessions to the struggling Detroit Three, including all but ending a much-derided program that let laid-off workers collect up to 95 per cent of their salaries.

"Everybody has to give a little bit," said Rich Bennett, an official for Local 122 in Twinsburg, Ohio, representing Chrysler workers. "We've made concessions. We really feel we're doing our part."

Union leaders also agreed to let the cash-starved automakers delay billions of dollars in payments to a union-administered trust set to take over health care for blue-collar retirees starting in 2010.

"Everybody has to give a little bit .. We really feel we're doing our part."
Rich Bennett

In addition, they decided to let the Detroit leadership begin renegotiating elements of landmark contracts signed with the automakers last year, a move that could lead to wage concessions.

The vote came on the eve of congressional hearings on as much as $34 billion US in loans that General Motors and Chrysler say are critical to their survival. Ford has said it may be able to hang on through 2009 without additional credit.

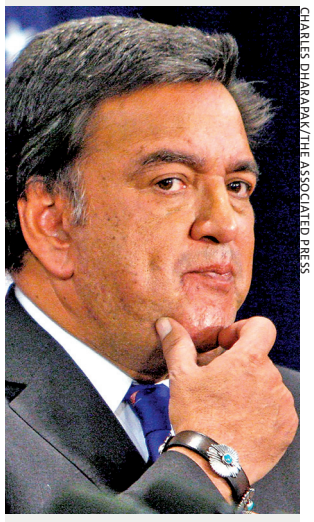
Earlier in the day, Chrysler vice-chairman Jim Press warned of a depression if even one automaker runs out of cash.

"We're on the brink with the U.S. auto manufacturing industry," he told The Associated Press in an interview.

"If we have a catastrophic failure of one of these car companies, in this tender environment for the economy, it's a huge blow. It could trigger a depression."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Cabinet



CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson listens as Barack Obama, not pictured, speaks at a news conference in Chicago yesterday. Richardson, a former Obama campaign rival, was named the president-elect's commerce secretary.

Mumbai police say captured gunman was promised cash

INDIA The only gunman captured during the terror attack on Mumbai says he was promised that his impoverished family would get 100,000 Pakistani rupees, or about $1,600, if he died fighting for militant Islam, Indian security officials said yesterday.

The captive, 21-year-old Ajmal Amir Kasab, is from Faridkot village in the Punjab region of Pakistan, according to the two Indian officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Kasab was arrested hours after the three-day rampage began the night of Nov. 26. Photographs of the young man walking calmly through Mumbai's main train station — assault rifle in hand — have made him a symbol of the attacks that killed 171 people, including 26 foreigners.

India has blamed the banned Pakistan-based extremist group Lashkar-e-Taiba for the carnage. But in an interview on CNN's Larry King Live, Pakistan's president, Asif Ali Zardari, expressed skepticism that the man in custody is a Pakistani citizen.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

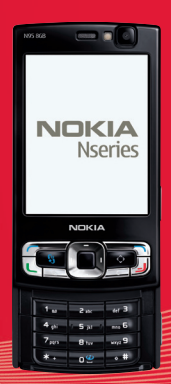
MUMBAI U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said yesterday Pakistan bears a responsibility to help investigate last week's terror attacks in Mumbai, though she stopped short of blaming Pakistanis for the attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAND OPENING

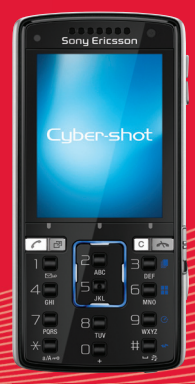
6 months
unlimited local calling
to the first 100 people
when activating a new 3 year term[1]

Receive a $50 Gift Card with any new cable activation[2]

HURRY! LIMITED TIME ONLY!
Mon, Dec 1 - Fri Dec 5, 2008
200 Bay St.
416-915-8042



Nokia N95 8GB



Sony Ericsson K850i

Samsung Jack

Blackberry® Curve™

1. Offer available from Dec 1st to Dec 5th, 2008 exclusively at the Royal Bank Plaza store location. Offer available only on new 3 year activations, limit of 100 activations for the promotion of 6 months unlimited local calling. 2 SOME CONDITIONS APPLY. SEE IN-STORE FOR DETAILS. Available at the 200 Bay St. location only. Limit one $50 Gift Card per activation. Offer subject to activation of a cable product line. Offer expires Dec 5th, 2008. Early cancellation fees apply. Offers are subject to change without notice. Cannot be combined with other discounts ™Rogers, the Mobius Design, Rogers Plus, Rogers Vision and Rogers Video Design are trademarks of Rogers Communications Inc. or of Rogers Wireless used under license. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners. © 2008

ABOUT SAVING WITH ROGERS WIRELESS TODAY.

ROGERS plus

THIS WEEKEND AT THE BAY

Friday, Dec. 5th to Sunday, Dec. 7th

Spend $50 or more (before taxes) in cosmetics and fragrances and receive your gift of a

$50 Bay Beauty VIP Savings Passport

Redeem your Bay Beauty VIP Savings Passport by visiting us in the cosmetics and fragrance department each month from December 2008 until April 2009 to get

$10 off your purchase every month*

ONLY AT THE BAY

THE BAY
TRAVEL BLOCKBUSTER palette
$25

ONLY AT THE BAY

ESTÉE LAUDER
$45
With any Estée Lauder fragrance purchase

ONLY AT THE BAY

DONNA KARAN
Cashmere Mist set
(Value $106)
$78

ONLY AT THE BAY

GIORGIO ARMANI
Receive this weekender bag as your gift with any purchase of $80 or more from the ARMANI Men's Fragrance Collection
$80 (or more)

GIVE THE GIFT OF BEAUTY

*The Bay Beauty VIP Savings Passport is redeemable only at the Bay for $10 off any cosmetics or fragrance purchase of $50 or more (before taxes) once each month from December 2008 to April 2009.

BEAUTY *at the Bay*

U.S. says greenhouse gas emissions increased in the country last year

The Energy Department reports U.S. greenhouse gases emissions increased last year by 1.4 per cent after a decline in 2006. The report attributed the increase to colder winter weather and a warmer summer that required more fuel burning for heating and electricity to run air conditioners. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stolen antiquities returned

Dozens of ancient artifacts stolen by a former U.S. Army helicopter pilot were returned to the Egyptian government yesterday at a ceremony in Manhattan.

Officials said the items, including several small urns on display at the ceremony, came from the Ma'adi archeological site outside Cairo and date to 3,600 B.C. or earlier.

"The repatriation of the Ma'adi artifacts reunites the people of Egypt with an important piece of their cultural heritage." Peter J. Smith

"When (the military officer) stole these items from Egypt, he robbed a nation of part of its history," said Peter J. Smith, head of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's New York office. "The repatriation of the Ma'adi artifacts reunites the people of Egypt with an important piece of their cultural heritage."

Also on hand were Egyptian Ambassador Hussein Mubarak and Attiya Radwan, head of the Central Department for Upper Egypt Monuments.

Edward George Johnson, a chief warrant officer from Fayetteville, N.C., was arrested in February in Alabama on charges of transportation of stolen property and wire fraud.

Johnson was deployed in Cairo in September 2002 when approximately 370 pre-dynastic artifacts were stolen from the Ma'adi Museum.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas **Parents convicted**

JAIME R. CARRERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jessica Carson, 18, left, and Blaine Milam, 19, are led from the Rusk County courthouse in Henderson, Texas, yesterday after they were arraigned on capital murder charges in the death of their 13-month-old baby.

Jealousy behind slayings of Hudson family: Prosecution

COURT Prosecutors say Jennifer Hudson's estranged brother-in-law killed three family members because he was angry her sister was dating another man.

A Cook County prosecutor said at a hearing yesterday that William Balfour came to the family's home the morning of the Oct. 24 killings and confronted Julia Hudson, his estranged wife.

The prosecutor says Balfour and Julia Hudson left together but Balfour returned to the home. The bodies of Hudson's mother and brother were found there later that day.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HERZING COLLEGE

Put yourself in high demand with a career as a **Paralegal, Legal Assistant, or Law Clerk**
Internship included

Classes Forming NOW!
1-888-NEW-CAREER
1-888-(639-2273)

www.herzing.edu Toronto Eaton Centre Campus

Provide Legal Services Without a Degree

- Of all Paralegal, Law Clerk and Legal Assistant occupations combined in Ontario, 58% are in the Toronto area
- Employment for this occupation is expected to grow more rapidly than the average for all occupations through the year 2009
- Paralegals are regulated and licensed by the Law Society of Upper Canada

Graduates are prepared and eligible to write the Law Society Paralegal licensing exam. Several graduates have successfully passed the exam and are Licensed Paralegals.

Herzing College is presently preparing their submission to the Law Society of Upper Canada for Accreditation of their Paralegal program.

WHAT OUR GRADUATES HAVE TO SAY:

"I recently graduated and I am happily on the road to becoming a successful paralegal thanks to the program I just attended at Herzing College."
"Because of my education at Herzing College, I was able to apply these skills and easily make the transition from student to employee."
"I enjoyed my time at Herzing College very much, and I am very thankful to the entire faculty who believed in me, and still continue to show me their support!"

To create your career call:
1-888-NEW-CAREER (1-888-639-2273)

OLG Slots at Woodbine Racetrack - Your Mini Holiday!

NOW HERE!

SLINGO BONUS Deluxe

LET'S PLAY

This edge-of-your-seat excitement will make you shout SLINGO!

MEGA BONUS SLOTS All about the Win! AC Coin & Slot

Exciting Slots • Casual Dining • Fun Promotions • Lots of Winners!

REDEEM THIS COUPON FOR A FREE GIFT*!

Bring this coupon to the Winner's Circle Rewards desk at OLG Slots at Woodbine Racetrack from **December 4 - 24, 2008** and receive a free Slingo gift!

OLG Slots AT WOODBINE RACETRACK
Your mini holiday.

OLG Slots at Woodbine Racetrack
555 Rexdale Boulevard, Toronto, ON
(416) 675-1101 or 1-888-345-7568
24 Hrs 7 days a week
OLG.ca

Know your limit, play within it!
THE ONTARIO PROBLEM GAMBLING HELPLINE 1-888-230-3505

Must be 19 years of age or older. Valid government-issued photo identification may be required. No purchase necessary. Approximate retail value of free Slingo gift is $5.00 (CDN). Limit one newspaper coupon redemption per person, during promotional period. *Free gift available while quantities last. Mechanical and/or hand drawn reproductions are not acceptable. Offer expires December 24, 2008 at 11:59 PM. Slingo Bonus Deluxe™ is a trademark of AC Coin & Slot. Slingo® is a registered trademark of Slingo, Inc. © 2008. Please visit the Winner's Circle Rewards desk for complete rules and regulations.

NOTHING BEATS METRO.

The largest and fastest growing international newspaper in the world.

metronews.ca

metro
Do it daily.

Humans drowning out whale songs

ENVIRONMENT The songs that whales and dolphins use to communicate, orient themselves and find mates are being drowned out by human-made noises in the world's oceans, United Nations officials and environmental groups said yesterday.

That sound pollution — everything from increasing commercial shipping and seismic surveys to a new generation of military sonar — is not only confounding the mammals, it also is further threatening the survival of these endangered animals.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pirates' boldness stuns passengers

PIRACY Passengers on a luxury cruise liner attacked by pirates in the dangerous waters between Yemen and Somalia said yesterday they were surprised by the assailants' boldness and described hearing the sounds of the pirates' rifles firing at the ship.

Sunday's attack on the American-operated MS Nautica in the Gulf of Aden was the latest evidence that pirates have grown more aggressive, viewing almost any ship on the water as a potential target. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROGERS™

NEWMARKET
17415 Yonge St., Unit 2
(905) 830-9944
NORTH YORK
3111 Dufferin St.
(416) 785-3031
3040 Don Mills Rd., Unit 17B
(416) 642-8889
4905 Yonge St.
(416) 221-8111 x1
1905 Avenue Rd.
(416) 784-9400
Sheridan Mall
1700 Wilson Ave., Unit 72
(416) 235-1656
747 Don Mills Rd., Unit 10
(416) 849-9235
Fairview Mall
1800 Sheppard Ave. E.
(416) 492-8800
149C Ravel Rd.
(416) 493-3493
4367 Steeles Ave. W.
(416) 650-0000
5815 Yonge St.
(416) 250-9800
OAKVILLE
1027 Speers Rd., Unit 22
(905) 842-4280
478 Dundas St. W., Unit 7
(416) 221-8111 x3
OSHAWA
Taunton Harmony Plaza
789 Taunton Rd. E., Unit 6
(905) 438-0744
1053 Simcoe St. N., Unit 4B
(905) 725-5520
PICKERING
Pickering Town Centre
1355 Kingston Rd.
(905) 420-0744
611 Kingston Rd.
(905) 831-9557
1899 Brock Rd.
(905) 686-6558
RICHMOND HILL
Hillcrest Mall
9350 Yonge St., Unit Z2
(905) 770-4433
10 West Pearce St., Bldg. B
(905) 731-7318
Times Square Mall
550 Hwy. 7 E., Unit A1
(905) 882-8668
1480 Major Mackenzie Dr. E., Unit C3-3
(905) 737-8737
9196 Yonge St.
(905) 764-0310
9737 Yonge St., Unit 211
(905) 770-1010
10720 Yonge St., Unit 102
(905) 884-9558
10755 Leslie St., Unit 5
(416) 221-8111 x2
SCARBOROUGH
1448 Lawrence Ave. E.
(416) 757-1666
2555 Victoria Park Ave.
(647) 258-0267
2650 Lawrence Ave. E., Unit 2B
(416) 755-8977
411 Kennedy Rd.
(416) 266-7727 x1
Oriental Palace
4438 Sheppard Ave. E., Unit 107
(416) 642-8888
1291 Kennedy Rd.
(416) 752-9655
3300 Midland Ave., Unit 40
(416) 332-8383
19 Milliken Blvd., Unit U
(416) 299-6006
5095 Sheppard Ave. E.
(416) 646-2146
Woodside Square
1571 Sandhurst Circle, Unit 502K
(416) 609-3200
5661 Steeles Ave. E., Unit 5
(416) 298-8821
1900 Eglinton Ave. East, Unit E5A
(416) 266-7727 x3
665 Markham Road, Unit 5
(416) 266-7727 x4

ROGERS plus

AJAX
Westney Heights Plaza
(905) 683-6101
Harwood
(905) 683-4661
Cloveridge
(905) 686-2911
AURORA
East Aurora
(905) 727-7716
Hunters Gate Plaza
(905) 727-3733
BRAMPTON
Dixie
(905) 453-3799
Bovaird
(905) 792-0249
Hurontario
(905) 495-2447
Vodden
(905) 457-2764
McLaughlin Corners West
(905) 495-8169
CONCORD
Vaughan Mills
(905) 760-8157
COURTICE
Clarington
(905) 721-2362
ETOBICOKE
Bloor
(416) 231-4789
Kingsway Mills
(416) 236-1581
Cloverdale Mall
(416) 231-5973
Woodbine Centre
(416) 798-0229
Westway Plaza
(416) 247-7091
GEORGETOWN
Georgetown
(905) 877-3695
MAPLE
Maple Plaza
(905) 303-1164
MARKHAM
Markham Plaza
(905) 294-2984
Armadale Square
(905) 201-5122
Markville Mall
(905) 940-6510
MISSISSAUGA
Roseborough Centre
(905) 814-9685
Rockwood
(905) 629-2915
Clarkson Crossing
(905) 823-1209
South Common
(905) 608-0429
Sandalwood Square
(905) 568-8160
King Square Shopping Centre
(905) 270-3820
Credit Valley Town Plaza
(905) 826-8092
Glen Erin
(905) 567-1624
NEWMARKET
Upper Canada Mall
(905) 853-1462
Newgate Plaza
(905) 853-7201
North Newmarket
(905) 830-0369
OAKVILLE
Oakville Place
(905) 815-8871
Oakville
(905) 849-1222
Abbey
(905) 827-1460
Hopedale Mall
(905) 465-1215
Maple Grove Village
(905) 337-9216
OSHAWA
Oshawa Centre
(905) 571-6663
285 Taunton Road
(905) 432-5327
PICKERING
First Pickering Place
(905) 831-2435
Amberlea Mall
(905) 837-3254
SCARBOROUGH
Bridlewood
(416) 502-9901
Scarborough Town Centre
(416) 296-9160
Victoria Crossing Marketplace
(416) 699-1465
THORNHILL
Rutherford Village
(905) 889-7831
TORONTO
Bloor West
(416) 426-4737
Campus
(416) 935-8080
Exchange Tower
(416) 603-7979
Port Union
(416) 724-7853
The Albion Centre
(416) 745-8314
Toronto Eaton Centre
(416) 351-1522
Toronto Flagship Store
(416) 593-4930
Rogers Centre
(416) 341-1800
York Mills
(416) 385-1730
Wanless
(416) 482-8504
Bay Street
(416) 644-0288
Sheppard Plaza
(416) 633-8954
Port Union
(416) 724-7853
Danforth
(416) 406-3441
Roxborough
(416) 515-7109
Beaches
(416) 694-6945
Wellesley
(416) 961-0714
Belsize
(416) 544-1429
Front
(416) 955-9555
Sunnybrook Plaza
(416) 486-8011
The Albion Centre
(416) 745-8314
York Mills
(416) 385-1730
Westside Mall
(416) 654-9092
Toronto Eaton Centre Kiosk
(416) 977-7555
Yorkdale Shopping Centre
1 Yorkdale Rd., Unit 180
(416) 783-0675
(416) 785-6216
Vaughan Mills
8960 Jane St., Unit 108
(905) 760-8157
VAUGHAN
Riocan Thornhill
(905) 731-6076
WHITBY
Thickson
(905) 430-2584
Taunton
(905) 556-1171
Whitby Town Square
(905) 665-4632
WOODBRIDGE
Weston
(905) 417-9325

HOW YOUR KIDS HOPE THE HOLIDAYS UNFOLD

THE NEW BLACKBERRY PEARL FLIP

ONLY $49.99 ON SELECT 3-YEAR PLANS[1]

- The only BlackBerry that flips
- Easy SureType® keyboard
- Available in black or pink

BlackBerry®

ALL THE BEST

BLACKBERRY® CURVE™ 8320 | BLACKBERRY® BOLD™ | BLACKBERRY® PEARL™ 8120

EXCLUSIVELY AT ROGERS

rogers.com/perfectgift

CANADA'S MOST RELIABLE NETWORK[†]

ROGERS™

UP TO 15% DISCOUNT FOR CUSTOMERS WITH MULTIPLE ROGERS PRODUCTS – TV, INTERNET, HOME PHONE AND WIRELESS PHONE.[††]

THE SOURCE BY BEST BUY™ | ROGERS plus | ROGERS VIDEO | WIRELESSWAVE | booth the telephone booth | FUTURE SHOP | BEST BUY

Offer subject to change without notice. **1** With subscription to new 3-year Voice and Data plan having minimum $35 monthly service fee. Early cancellation fees apply. [†]Most reliable network claim refers to call clarity and dropped calls test results as conducted by Rogers and a recognized third-party research company in the majority of urban Canadian centres within the Rogers Wireless GSM footprint, comparing voice services of major wireless providers. [††]Discount applies to monthly recurring service fees for eligible services. Minimum 2-year term required for each eligible service. Visit rogers.com/bundles for details. BlackBerry,® RIM,® Research In Motion,® SureType® and related trademarks, names and logos are the property of Research In Motion Limited and are registered and/or used in the U.S. and countries around the world. ™Trademarks of Rogers Communications Inc. used under license, or of Rogers Wireless. All other brand names and logos are trademarks of their respective owners. © 2008 Rogers Wireless.

LOCAL
Associate Publisher, Irene Patterson
Managing Editor, Glen Miller
Associate Managing Editor, Tarin Elbert
Retail Sales Director, Tracy Day
Prod/Distribution Director, Gerry Moher
NATIONAL
Group Publisher, Bill McDonald
Editor-in-Chief, Dianne Rinehart
Art Director, Laila Hakim
National Sales Director, Susan Courtney
Interactive/Marketing Dir., Jodi Brown

Comment & Views

Comment

Sweater threadbare

Home&Abroad

Andrew Cohen

Canada & world insight

The Conservatives built their recent re-election campaign around leadership. They put Stephen Harper front and centre in their effort to persuade Canadians that only he could lead them through the coming economic storm.

The problem for Harper was the popular distrust that has followed him around like a cranky footnote. While few doubted Harper's intelligence and discipline, they never found him very likeable.

It was famously said that Franklin D. Roosevelt had a second-class intellect and a first-class temperament. It wasn't really true — FDR was also bright — but the reverse can surely be said of Stephen Harper. He has a first-class intellect and a second-class temperament.

Politics is all about marketing, and the selling of Stephen Harper has always been hard.

That he is cold and distant, that he is humourless and wooden, we knew. But politicians of that ilk, such as Richard Nixon, can get elected if they can persuade us of their competence.

This Harper had done in 2½ years in office. But to win a majority, to close the deal with Canadians, he had to make them more comfortable with him — to like him.

Stephen Harper

And so the smart Tory strategists dressed him in sweaters.

They had him play the piano and play with children — all to make this wallflower look fragrant.

It failed. Canadians denied Harper his majority, again. In Quebec, where he had hoped to find extra seats, all it took was a disparaging comment about culture and artists that was so silly he refused to repeat it in French.

The mask fell. Suddenly, there he was, his contempt laid bare.

It reinforced a sense of meanness, and it cost him.

When Parliament reconvened, he talked conciliation.

Facing another minority, he seemed to want to make the institution work.

So what did he do?

He cancelled public financing of political parties, bankrupting his opponents.

And he suspended the right to strike of public servants.

He thought he could get away with both while the Liberals were leaderless.

He is an unreconstructed bully, and presented with a chance to land a blow upon a bruise, he can't resist.

We have never had a prime minister in memory quite like him. John Diefenbaker, Pierre Trudeau, Brian Mulroney and Jean Chrétien could brawl but had charm. Louis St. Laurent, Lester Pearson and Joe Clark were gentle souls.

Stephen Harper is something else. And that's why he and his government are in trouble today.

Andrew Cohen, a professor and journalist, is the author of Extraordinary Canadians: Lester B. Pearson.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Views

Men, not poverty, affect crime rate

Neil Boyd

As Canada slips and slides toward higher rates of unemployment, many are asking whether this will increase crime.

The simple answer is that unemployment and crime rates are not systematically related. It's not that poverty is unrelated to crime, but it's just not possible to find any statistical relationship between changing rates of unemployment and changing rates of crime over the past 50 years.

If, on the other hand, you start looking at our jail populations, you begin to see familiar portraits: Most are male, working class or poorer, with little education and few social skills.

Consider, for example, homicide in Canada.

For the past 50 years, British Columbia has had a rate of killing that is five times that of Newfoundland — a province that for decades languished under double-digit unemployment. What drives homicide rates (and most other crime rates) is not unemployment, or even poverty, but two more important variables: Culture and demographic shifts.

The culture of British Columbia is quite different from that of Newfoundland — the West has less community, a more transient population, and an established network of young men who use handguns as their tool of last resort in business transactions. Second, more than 70 per cent of all crime, in every country in the world, is committed by young men between the ages of 15 and 29. If the percentage of the male population between these ages either increases or shrinks, crime rates will rise and fall accordingly. When crime in Canada began to rise in the late 1960s, it was because of the surge of the baby boomers.

Meaningful change depends on ... the communities we create.

In 1976, young men between 18 and 29 made up 10 per cent of the Canadian population; today, they represent less than five per cent. When crime rates began to fall in the early 1990s it was no surprise; the tail end of the surge of the baby boomers, those born in 1964, left their crime prone years in 1993.

In other words, tough economic times are not going to drive our crime rates down, or through the roof. Meaningful change depends on our culture and the communities we create — and, unfortunately, on the prevalence of young men in our populations.

Neil Boyd is a criminologist at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver

Letters

What's so abnormal about just wanting to date?

Re: Blame the Boomers by Denise Rudnicki, Dec. 3.

Based on a couple of examples, you conclude that young people today are not marrying simply because they are selfish, materialistic and egomaniacal. That's quite a broad brush with which you're painting.

Marriage is not necessarily a sign of maturity. Anyone can get married, but some people aren't emotionally prepared or simply inclined to make such a profound commitment. So what if people are happy "just" dating? It's attitudes like yours that makes society view unmarried people as abnormalities.

MELISSA HENRY
TORONTO

Marriage not something to be entered into lightly

Re: Blame the Boomers by Denise Rudnicki, Dec. 3. "My generation is to blame for this laissez-faire attitude to love and commitment," Rudnicki writes.

She is too busy blaming her generation and offering herself as a martyr to understand that this is not a laissez-faire attitude.

We have learned by watching the baby boomers that marriage is a lifetime commitment that should not be taken up in our youth.

You want to know why my generation isn't marrying like the Boomers once did?

It is because we learned from their example that marriage is not an institution to enter into lightly.

COURTNEY MCPHAIL
TORONTO

Recent events causing me to lose faith in politics

I am so disappointed in Canadian politics right now.

I am totally disillusioned.

This will inevitably lead to another very expensive election. What a waste of millions of taxpayers money, which should be spent on the poorer classes (health and welfare, etc.)

LIZ TURNER
MISSISSAUGA

It's your turn to tell others what you think. E-mail your thoughts and opinions to: torontoletters@metronews.ca
Letters must include sender's full name, address and phone number – street name and phone numbers will NOT be published. We reserve the right to edit letters.

GOING TO WORK?

MAKE SURE YOUR MONEY IS TOO.

1% BONUS

Grow your savings even faster with a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA)

Open a TFSA High Rate Savings Account today. Beginning January 2nd, 2009, you can transfer up to $5,000 in new money from your High Rate Savings Account to your TFSA High Rate Savings Account, plus keep the 1% bonus interest rate.[2] With every penny earning bonus interest and the income earned on your savings tax-free, your money will work even harder to speed up the growth of your savings.

For a limited time, earn an extra 1% interest[1] on top of HSBC's already high rates on new money deposited into a High Rate Savings Account as of November 24, 2008.

Visit your local HSBC branch, call 1-888-310-4722 or click **hsbc.ca/taxfree** to supersize your savings.

HSBC

The world's local bank

Issued by HSBC Bank Canada

[1]You will earn 1% bonus interest on top of our High Rate Savings Account interest rate on any new monies deposited into your High Rate Savings Account (up to $500,000) during the promotional period of November 24, 2008 to March 16, 2009 from the day new monies are deposited. This promotion may be amended, extended or cancelled at the sole discretion of HSBC at any time, without prior notice. [2]Specific terms and conditions apply. The 1% bonus interest will be applicable on any new monies transferred in from your High Rate Savings Account to your High Rate TFSA for the remainder of the Promotional Period. Please see your local HSBC branch for details, visit hsbc.ca/taxfree or call 1-888-310-4722. This promotion may be amended, extended or cancelled at the sole discretion of HSBC at any time, without prior notice.

AIG, U.S. Federal Reserve to terminate some debt obligations
American International Group and the U.S. government are working together to relieve the giant insurer of its obligations on about $65 billion US in debt, the company said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

DOLLAR			OIL	
0.16¢	C$	79.78¢ US	$46.79 US	17¢
	US$	$1.2535		

EDITOR: FERMIN DESOUZA, FERMIN.DESOUZA@METRONEWS.CA

Business in brief

ENERGY Oil prices wavered near three-year lows as investors weighed falling demand and a government report showing an unexpected decline in U.S. crude inventories. Crude dipped to $46.26, the lowest since May 20, 2005, before settling at $46.79 a barrel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"This is one of the GREATEST GALLERIES, maybe the greatest, as a place to look at art ~ Frank Stella ▪ Frank Gehry pulled a rabbit out of his hat. BRAVO. We are making our visit to the AGO the focal point of our stay in Toronto ~ Olga Karman ▪ I went last night and I WAS BREATHLESS. It was absolutely amazing. THE AGO IS NOW A PIECE OF ART and Toronto history ~ Lorraine ▪ What has been done is WARM, INVITING, AND JOYFUL ~ Linda ▪ Thanks for making it A GO-TO PLACE IN TORONTO ~ Maureen Dwight ▪ I'm an architect and hard to please... BUT the new AGO is an impressive and truly WORLD CLASS GALLERY ~ Ross Johnstone ▪ I found it ENDLESSLY INTERESTING to see how themes were brought together through different time periods and styles ~ Stephen Cole ▪ The word THRILLING is what really describes the revitalized AGO ~ Paul Kropp ▪ The experience of visiting the building last evening made me so proud to live in a city that houses such AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF ART displayed in a building that EXUDES ELEGANCE AND STYLE. I will return many times ~ Andy Donald ▪ My family and I attended the highly anticipated open house today which EXCEEDED ALL OF OUR EXPECTATIONS. The CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM WAS SUPERB ~ David ▪ What can I say, A BEACON SHINES BRIGHTLY at Dundas & McCaul and WE ALL ARE DRAWN TO ITS GLOW ~ Theresa Spohn"

THE NEW AGO. WHOA. GOTTA GO.

AGO Art Gallery of Ontario
Musée des beaux-arts de l'Ontario

NEED MORE REASONS TO BECOME AN AGO MEMBER? VISIT US TODAY.
What will you say after visiting the new AGO? Share your reaction at artmatters.ca or text GOTTAGO or NO to AGOAGO (246246).
www.ago.net | 416 979 6648 | 317 Dundas Street West, Toronto.

Lead Inaugural & Signature Partner: BMO Financial Group
Government Partners: Canada, Ontario, Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund, OCAF #TICO
Signature Partners: American Express, aeroplan
Media Partner: CTV

Builders seek relief

Housing market yet to hit bottom: Reports

Premier Dalton McGuinty's top priorities in the upcoming 2009 budget should be job creation and infrastructure projects in an effort to stave off a devastating slowdown in the economy, according to provincial developers.

A survey by the Ontario Home Builders' Association says more than one-third of builders expect to lay off staff for 2009.

"People will continue to work and we can ensure adequate roads, transit and residential services are upgraded and expanded," said president Frank Giannone.

"People will continue to work and we can ensure adequate roads, transit and residential services are upgraded and expanded." Frank Giannone

Meanwhile, separate reports released yesterday show the housing market hasn't hit bottom yet.

ReMax is forecasting prices across Canada will fall 3 per cent this year and 2 per cent next year.

Other forecasters, however, are taking a gloomier view. Carl Gomez, vice-president of research for real estate consultants Bentall Investment Management, said prices have to fall by at least 10 per cent from their peak to return to normal valuations.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Storm's delay part of RIM's warning

Bell and Telus are preparing for a pre-holiday launch of the BlackBerry Storm touchscreen smartphone, but observers say the launch of the so-called IPhone-killer may be too late to help Research In Motion Ltd. salvage an increasingly bleak year.

The Storm was rolled out on Verizon Wireless in late November but there are still no official launch dates from Bell Canada or Telus Corp., although Telus has revealed it will sell the device for $249.99 with a three-year contract.

"Something must have happened in development, a supplier didn't perform or a component went bad," said Ken Dulaney, an analyst at Gartner Research.

The Storm's delayed launch helped contribute to a less-than-stellar third quarter for Waterloo-based RIM, which warned investors that earnings during the period would come in lower than previously forecast at 81 cents to 83 cents US per share.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DEBT PROBLEMS?
We Can Help!
Call Now 1-888-532-0098
FREE Consultation
- No more calls from collection agencies!
- One small monthly payment for all your debts!
- No need to go Bankrupt
- Cut your debt by up to 70%!
- Reduce Interest on your debts!

Licensed by the Ontario Government Reg# 4710424
Debt Payoff Canada
www.debtpayoff.ca

WestJet traffic up in November

AIRLINES WestJet Airlines Ltd. flew through last month's financial and economic gloom with a 14.4 per cent increase in its passenger traffic compared with a year ago.

The airline said yesterday it booked its best-ever November load factor with 76.1 per cent of its seats filled in the seasonally slack month.

The fleet's capacity expanded 13.5 per cent to 1.39 billion available seat miles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Da Vinci publisher leaving Random

BOOKS The man who helped give the world The Da Vinci Code and a leading publisher of Danielle Steel and other brand-name authors are leaving Random House.

The departing executives are Stephen Rubin, who published Dan Brown's blockbuster thriller, and Irwin Applebaum, whose many authors have included Steel, Dean Koontz and Louis L'Amour.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Career Finder
To advertise, call Josie McKenzie 416-443-4364

12 IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
$848+ PER WEEK
$1.5 Billion industry leader seeks highly motivated and career oriented individuals
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
Leadership roles available
For consideration please contact 416.236.0678

ECO CONSULTANTS NEEDED
Average $18/hr
Full Training Provided
Call 416 774-2472

Job At Home
$487.68 Weekly.
Mail Work, Assemble Products or Computer Work.
www.TopJobMetro.com
Or Write to: CHR Jobs
900 Greenbank Road
Suite #415 • #916-M20
Ottawa ON, K2J 4P6

FLIGHT CENTRE Unbeatable
MAYAN RIVIERA 4-STAR
$397
Catalonia Yucatan Beach + taxes & fees $267
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare, transfers and 7 nights 4-star all-inclusive accom. Departs Dec 6/nol/ts.
1 877 923 2248 | flightcentre.ca
Conditions apply. Ex: Toronto. Package, cruise, rail & hotel prices are per person, based on double occupancy. Prices are subject to availability at advertising deadline and are for select departure dates. Prices are accurate at time of publication, errors and omissions excepted, but are subject to change. Taxes & fees include transportation related fees, GST and fuel supplements and are approximate and subject to change. nol=nolitours, ts=transat Head office address: 1 Dundas St W Suite 200, Toronto, ON. Call for retail locations. ONT. REG #4671384 TICO

Mistletoe or not, with deals this good, you'll want to kiss somebody.

For a limited time, get three amazing offers in one great sale.

Visit a Bell store • 1 888 4-MOBILE • bell.ca

50%OFF select smartphones[1] **+ 50%OFF** rate plans for 3 months[1] **+ $50** accessories credit[2]

3G BlackBerry® Curve™ 8330 smartphone

$49.95

with a $45 voice and data plan on a 3-yr. term[3] ($549.95 no term)

3G Samsung Instinct™

$49.95

with a $100 Fun bundle discount on a 3-yr. term[4] ($399.95 no term)

Samsung Cleo™

$24.95

on a 3-yr. term[1] ($274.95 no term)

LG Rumour™

$0

on a 3-yr. term[1] ($249.95 no term)

Bell shopping just got better

Also available at these retailers: COSTCO WHOLESALE, hmv, booth the telephone booth, WIRELESS etc..., WIRELESSWAVE

Offer ends December 24, 2008. Available with compatible devices within Bell Mobility high speed mobile network coverage areas. Other monthly fees, i.e., e9-1-1 (75¢), system access (not a government fee) ($8.95), and one-time device activation ($35) apply. Long distance and roaming charges (including foreign taxes) may apply outside your local area. Upon early termination, price adjustment charges apply. Subject to change without notice; not combinable with other offers. Taxes extra. Other conditions apply. **(1)** With new activation on a 3-yr. contract on a monthly voice plan. **(2)** With new activation on a 3-yr. contract on a monthly voice plan. Rebate applies on accessories before taxes in-store, on the Web or on the account otherwise; allow 4 to 6 weeks. **(3)** With new activation on a monthly voice plan and a data feature with a total min. value of $45/mo. **(4)** With new activation on a monthly voice plan with a min. Fun 15 bundle. Rebate applies on device before taxes in-store, on the Web or on the account otherwise; allow 4 to 6 weeks. You must keep the Fun bundle for 12 months after activation, otherwise a one-time data service price adjustment of $99 will be charged on your account. BlackBerry®, RIM®, Research In Motion®, SureType®, SurePress™ and related trademarks, names and logos are the property of Research In Motion Limited and are registered and/or used in the U.S. and countries around the world. Samsung Instinct and Samsung Cleo are trademarks of Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., and its related entities. Rumour is a trademark of LG Electronics Inc.

Available at the foll
Bell stores:
AJAX
Durham Centre
ALLISTON
36 Young St.
AURORA
14751 Yonge St
SmartCenters
BARRIE
44 Cedar Point
632 Yonge St.
Barrie Power
Georgian Mall
BOLTON
SmartCentres
BOWMANVILLE
Clarington Plac
BRAMPTON
59 First Gulf Bl
100 Great Lake
10086 Hurontar
Airport & Hwy
Bramalea City
Shopper's Wor
BURLINGTON
1100 Walker's
Appleby Crossi
Burlington Mal
Mapleview Ma
CAMBRIDGE
499 Hespeler R
Cambridge Cer
COBOURG
Northumberlar
COOKSTOWN
Cookstown Ou
(kiosk)
DON MILLS
Two Park Centr
ETOBICOKE
Cloverdale Ma
Sherway Gard
Woodbine Cen
GEORGETOWN
330 Guelph St.
LINDSAY
229 Kent St.
Whitney Town
MAPLE
2810 Major Mac
MARKHAM
7357 Woodbine
8392 Kennedy
Cachet Village
Market Village
Markville Shopp
Pacific Mall
MILTON
377 Main St E
MISSISSAUGA
980 Eglinton Av
2800 Skymark
6965 Davand D
Central Parkwa
(BE044)
Dixie Value Ma
Erin Mills Town
Heartland Pow
Mississauga C
Centre (BE014)
Sheridan Centr
Square One Sh
Centre
Westgate Sma
Westwood Ma
NEWMARKET
Upper Canada
NORTH YORK
170 Rimrock Rc
1635 Lawrence
(BE018)
2081 Steeles A
Bayview Villag
Crossroads Pla
Empress Walk
Lawrence Squ
North York She
Sheppard Cent
Yorkgate Mall
OAKVILLE
Hopedale Mall
Oakville Place
Winston Powe
ORANGEVILLE
114 Broadway
OSHAWA
Five Points Ma
Oshawa Centre
PICKERING
570 Kingston R
Pickering Towr
Steeple Hill Sh
Centre
RICHMOND HILL
Elgin Mills Cro
Hillcrest Mall
Richmond Heig
Time Square S
Centre
SCARBOROUGH
259 Morningsic
Bridlewood Ma
Cedarbrae Mal
Chartwell Shop
Center (BE053)
Eglinton Squar
Kennedy Comn
Malvern Town
Parkway Mall (
Scarborough T
Centre
SUDBURY
Brady Square
New Sudbury
Southridge Ma
THORNHILL
2900 Steeles A
(BE029)
Promenade Ma
TORONTO
85 Hanna Ave.
320 Queen Stre
209 Danforth A
2171 Queen St.
2256 Bloor St.V
2323 Yonge St.
Brookfield Plac
Centerpoint Ma
Chinatown Cen
College Park
Commerce Cou
Cumberland Te
Dufferin Mall
East York Town
Eaton Centre
Eaton Centre II
Exchange Tow
Gerrard Squar
Scotia Plaza
Toronto Life Sq
Yorkdale (kiosk
UNIONVILLE
190 main St
UXBRIDGE
307 Toronto St
VAUGHAN
Vaughan Mills
WHITBY
Whitby Mall
Whitby SmartC
WILLOWDALE
Fairview Mall
WOODBRIDGE
4080 Highway 7

NFL in 3-D

The NFL will broadcast tonight's Raiders/Chargers game in 3-D to three theatres in New York, Boston and Los Angeles. Eight 3-D camera crews will film the action for the test broadcast, which will have its own commentators. 3-D viewers must don polarized lenses to see the action. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Avery faces the music today

The Stars' Sean Avery will meet with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman today in New York to explain himself in the wake of controversial comments made Tuesday that resulted in his indefinite suspension. Avery's comments regarding actress Elisha Cuthbert ignited a storm of criticism from both teammates and opponents. Avery apologized for his remarks yesterday, saying "It was a bad attempt to build excitement for the game."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

SPORTS@METRONEWS.CA

Sam is shown the door

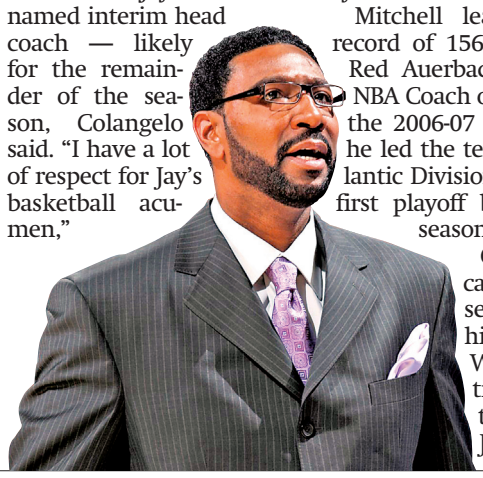
Raptors fire Mitchell, Canadian Triano takes over – likely for remainder of season

Too many blown leads, pillowy-soft defence, a pace of playing that had turned pedestrian and an all-around lacklustre approach. It all came to a head in a horrible loss at Denver on Tuesday and spelled the end of Sam Mitchell's era in Toronto.

The 8-9 Raptors fired the former NBA coach of the year yesterday, a day after Toronto's humiliating 132-93 loss to the Nuggets — the fifth-worst defeat in franchise history.

"It's safe to say that after the debacle that we all witnessed last night against Denver — a 39-point loss — not to mention several other incidents this early season where we gave up double-digit leads or had mental breakdowns with respect to the effort on the court," president and GM Bryan Colangelo said in a conference call. "You come to a point where you realize some of the things you want to see out on the court are not taking place."

Canadian Jay Triano was named interim head coach — likely for the remainder of the season, Colangelo said. "I have a lot of respect for Jay's basketball acumen," Colangelo said. "He will be a fresh voice for the players to listen to."



Triano, in his seventh season as a member of the Raptors coaching staff, is the first Canadian-born and trained coach in NBA history.

Mitchell leaves with a record of 156-189 and the Red Auerbach Trophy as NBA Coach of the Year for the 2006-07 season when he led the team to the Atlantic Division title and its first playoff berth in five seasons.

Colangelo came into this season with high hopes. With the addition of six-time all-star Jermaine O'Neal, he called this roster the best Toronto has ever assembled. But the results haven't lived up to the promise. O'Neal has struggled with injuries early on in the season, missing three games with a swollen ankle, and the team has been slow to find its rhythm.

O'Neal spoke out after the Denver loss. "It's embarrassing not only for us but for those who support the Toronto Raptors, the organization, the city and the country," O'Neal said. "This is a business. We get paid a heck of a lot of money to play a certain way and if we think we can turn it on and off like that then we are fooling ourselves."

The 45-year-old Mitchell was known for his lengthy post-practice discussions with reporters, and would often engage reporters in a debate about U.S. politics, or critique them on their fashion sense. Mitchell told TSN's Off The Record he was disappointed, but would look back fondly on his time in Toronto. "It's a disappointment that I really wasn't given the chance to finish what I started," Mitchell said. "But I feel like I accomplished a lot of good things, I think the players that played for me all got better."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jay Triano

- The Niagara Falls native takes the helm with a 1-0 coaching record in the NBA, having served as interim for one game last season.

Laviolette out, Maurice in

NHL The Carolina Hurricanes fired head coach Peter Laviolette yesterday, who led the team to the Stanley Cup in 2006.

Former Maple Leafs coach Paul Maurice will take over behind the bench. The Hurricanes are currently eighth in the Eastern Conference at 12-11-2. They have lost three straight games at home and four of their last five games overall. Last month, Laviolette surpassed John Tortorella as the winningest American-born coach in NHL history.

Maurice

Maurice has been living in the Toronto area since being fired by the Leafs last spring.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Submit your photos for a chance to
win a week of fun in the sun at a RIU resort!
We're not looking for a super model, we're looking for ***you!***

SPONSORED BY
RIU Hotels & Resorts
Maui Jim
THE BAY

YOUR Quest.ca by Sunquest

21 all-inclusive RIU vacations to be won!

To enter, all you have to do is upload a picture of yourself onto our website, and then get as many friends and family as you can to vote for you. The picture with the most votes in each category wins a trip.

What's more, by voting for you, your friends and family will be entered into a separate draw to win their own trip!

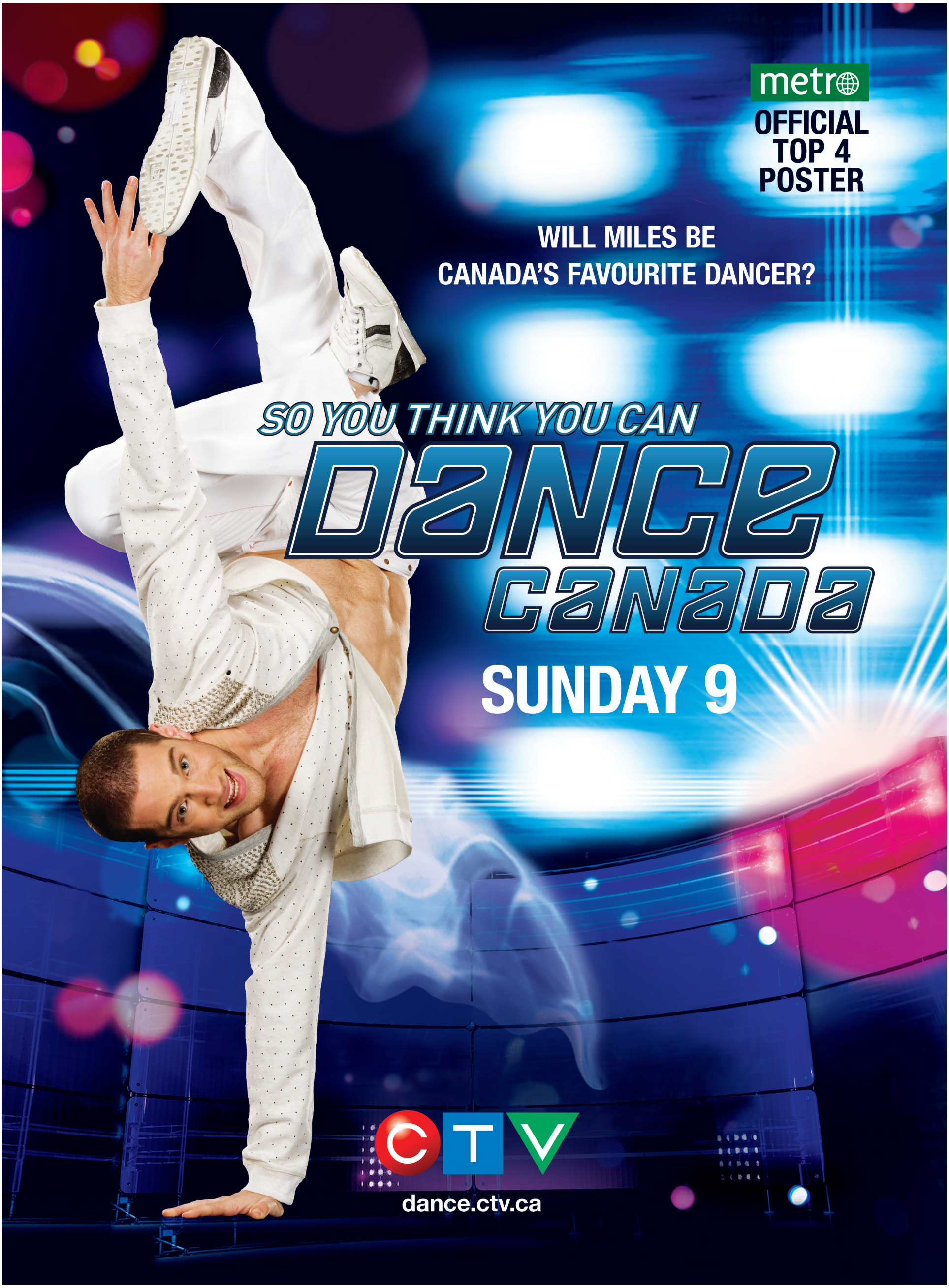
There are 5 categories you can enter...
'Family' (Parents & kids), 'Generational' (grandparents, parents & kids), 'Friends' (group of 3), 'Couples', and 'Weddings/Renewal of Vows'. Enter just one or all 5! Sunquest stands for fun, and we want to see you having a great time!

For more details, including all the prizes and how to enter, go to www.yourquest.ca.

Enter soon, the contest ends January 30, 2009.

TICO

Sunquest.ca
SQ22280


metro
OFFICIAL
TOP 4
POSTER
WILL MILES BE
CANADA'S FAVOURITE DANCER?
SO YOU THINK YOU CAN
DANCE
CANADA
SUNDAY 9
CTV
dance.ctv.ca

Weis will return to Fighting Irish

Charlie Weis will return for a fifth year as Notre Dame's football coach despite posting his second straight disappointing season, the university said yesterday. Weis has seven years left on a 10-year contract, but some fans had been clamouring for his firing after the Irish finished 6-6 this year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports in brief

BASEBALL According to the New York Daily News, the Atlanta Braves are preparing a five-year offer to free agent pitcher A.J. Burnett. Atlanta also reached a tentative deal Tuesday to acquire pitcher Javier Vazquez from the White Sox.

HOCKEY The Flyers' Daniel Briere will miss the next 4 to 5 weeks with a groin strain.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

100% PERMANENT HAIR REMOVAL

A ARE YOU A FOOL? OF COURSE NOT!! That's why you're coming to OMI for your hair removal treatment.

B Why pay more elsewhere for poor results or less for no results when you can have the best in the business give you fantastic results?

C OMI's been proving themselves to you since 1979.

Most … of OMI consultations were treated by doctors and others without success. Don't waste your money like they did. Come to OMI first! (most OMI clients are male)

OMI on 98.1 Radio & OMI on Rogers TV Channel 5

OMI MEDICAL INC.
416•223•5500
www.omihair.com
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

BOOK 4 NIGHTS, GET 3 NIGHTS FOR FREE!

PLUS! Travel Jan 4 – Mar 29, 2009 & Get a US $200 Disney Gift Card**

Valid for bookings November 7 - December 20, 2008 for travel January 4 - June 27, 2009.

DISNEY VALUE RESORT HOTEL ★★★
Adult CDN $599 Child (3-9) CDN $329
Disney's Pop Century Resort
Disney's All-Star Resorts
Roundtrip air from Toronto,
7-nights accommodation,
7-day *Magic Your Way* Base Ticket,
Return Transfers*
Fri, Jan 9, 23, 30
Add taxes $242, Sat/Sun add $50

DISNEY MODERATE RESORT HOTEL ★★★+
Adult CDN $749 Child (3-9) CDN $329
Disney's Port Orleans Resort
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort
Roundtrip air from Toronto,
7-nights accommodation,
7-day *Magic Your Way* Base Ticket,
Return Transfers*
Fri, Jan 23, 30
Add taxes $242, Sat/Sun add $50

Walt Disney World Resort in Florida — Where dreams come true

NOLITOURS

CONTACT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT.

marlin travel 1-877-888-1717 · American Express 1.888.414.8747 · Carlson Wagonlit Travel 1 800 CARLSON · travelplus · Sears travel Every trip has its rewards · tripcentral.ca 1.800.665.4981

OR

WWW.NOLITOURS.COM

Flights are from Toronto via Air Transat or Skyservice. Valid for new bookings only. Prices shown are per person, based on double occupancy in lead room category. Taxes & travel related fees are extra and noted above. For complete terms and conditions refer to the Nolitours 2008-2009 brochure. Nolitours is a division of Transat Tours Canada, registered as a travel wholesaler in Ontario (Ontario Reg # 50009488) with offices at 191 The West Mall, Suite 800, Etobicoke, ON M9C 5K8. **Disney Offer:** Valid for bookings November 7 - December 20, 2008 for travel most nights January 4 - June 27, 2009. Prices in Canadian Dollars. Other room types available. Additional per adult charges apply if more than 2 adults per room. Minimum length of stay may apply. Tickets are for one Theme Park and must be used within 14 days of first use. No group rates or other discounts apply. Transfers: **Disney's Magical Express* Service is complimentary and must be booked 10 days prior to your arrival at www.disneysmagicalexpress.com/ca. ***The Disney Gift Card (one card per reservation) can be used at select participating locations at *Walt Disney World* Resort, *Disneyland* Resort, *Disney Cruise Line*, Disney Store locations in the US and Disneyshopping.com. It is not redeemable for cash, will not be replaced if lost or stolen without required proof of purchase and it is subject to the terms and conditions of the Disney Gift Card Program. The Disney Gift Card is issued by Disney Gift Card Services, Inc. Gift cards may not be used towards the purchase of any Disney Dollars or Disney Gift Cards. Other restrictions may apply. Use of gift card is acceptance of its terms and conditions. Visit DisneyGiftCard.com for more information about the Disney Gift Card Program. As to Disney artwork/properties: ©Disney

tico.ca

Burke may find himself to be a big fan of Moore

TheHockeyNews

Now that the dust has settled on the Brian Burke front and the Maple Leafs are operating at or around where they were expected to be in the standings before the season began, I thought it would be prudent to put the spotlight on a player who has really been one of the unheralded members of the Buds: Dominic Moore.

Though he'll never find himself atop the scoring leaderboard, Moore is one of those quintessential role players who provides spark with his dogged work ethic and danger with his speed. And lately, Moore has been feistier than ever, too.

Sure, not everyone can see the positives in Moore dropping the gloves with defenceman and teammate Jeff Finger during practice recently, but there is some interesting logic to it; the tussle showed how engaged the two were. Finger, ironically, has been another solid performer for the Leafs this season, a rock-hard, physical blue-liner who has dealt some monstrous hits to opponents, most recently Los Angeles Kings rookie Oscar Moller.

But to see that both Moore and Finger were so intense in a practice that they would actually chuck fists at each other is often heartening to coaches, assuming there isn't some sort of personal aspect to it (which there wasn't to my knowledge in this case).

Perhaps it was no coincidence that shortly after his practice fight, Moore went out and had a taste of the real thing when he sparred with hardened Ottawa Senators defenceman Jason Smith.

It was the first official fight for Moore in his otherwise gentlemanly career, and while it may not have been a classic, it showed that little bit of venom that a lot of hockey players thrive on.

As the newly minted GM of the Leafs, Burke has already spoken of having enough muscle on hand so players such as rookie blue-liner Luke Schenn don't need to spend five minutes in the penalty box for defending themselves or their teammates by fighting, but again, I can't imagine it hurt Burke's opinion of Moore to see him take on a much more experienced fighter in Ottawa's Smith.

And while the current Toronto roster isn't exactly laden with managerial steals, the acquisition of Moore is a bright spot. Picked up on waivers from Minnesota last January, the Leafs literally got Moore for nothing. In return, the crafty pivot put up 14 points in the last 38 games of the 2007-08 season, just four points shy of his best NHL result to date, which he achieved as a member of the New York Rangers in 2005-06.

This season, along with the pseudo-mean streak, Moore is on pace for his best NHL season yet. With 11 points through 25 games, he'll smash that career high in no time.

Moore is also proving himself to be quite proficient in the faceoff circle, which dovetails nice with his role as one of the Leafs' key penalty killers.

Thanks to the new NHL rule that sees the faceoff automatically moved to the offending team's zone after a penalty is called, luck at the dot is more crucial than ever. At 54.6 per cent, Moore's faceoff win percentage is the best on the team, while his 53.6 per cent rate when short-handed is a definite bonus.

While Moore is technically expendable this season — he's an unrestricted free agent this summer — it's not always easy to find someone who can do so many little things right and Brian Burke would do himself a favour by paying close attention to No. 19.

The Hockey News thn.com

Are you a Healthy Person between 18 and 55 years of age?

If so, we want to hear from you!

Apotex is currently recruiting for healthy **men** and **women** to participate in studies on pharmaceutical products.

CALL: 416-741-4256 Toll Free: 1-877-APO-CLNC (1-877-276-2562)
Hours: 8:30am to 5pm Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm Saturday
or register online @ www.apotex.ca

- **YOU WILL BE PAID** upon completion of the study
- Compensation may range from **$800** to **$3900** depending on the length of the study

APOTEX ADVANCING GENERICS

A smart deal is coming your way.

Get the 3G BlackBerry Curve for just $49.99.*

$49.99*

3G BlackBerry® Curve™ 8330 smartphone

(3 year term)

For $20/month, add to select voice plans:

UNLIMITED personal email, IM and text, all on Canada's largest 3G network.†

TELUS

the future is friendly®

TELUS STORES & AUTHORIZED DEALERS

TORONTO

150 Bloor St. W
Bayview Village Shopping Centre
Bloor West Village
Cedarbrae Mall
China Town Centre
Cloverdale Mall
Commerce Court
Dufferin Mall
Eglinton Square Shopping Centre
Fairview Mall
Gerrard Square
Royal Bank Plaza
Toronto Eaton Centre
Toronto Stock Exchange Tower
Woodbine Centre
Yorkdale Mall
York Lanes (York University)
2187 Queen St. E (The Beach)
2501 Yonge St. (at Castlefield)
363 Front St. W (City Place)
455 Danforth Ave.
155 - 720 King St. W
5015 Yonge St.
38 - 1500 Royal York Rd.
8 - 1750 The Queensway

WEST

Burlington Mall
Mapleview Mall
Milton Crossroads Centre

Brampton
Bramalea City Centre
60 Great Lakes Dr.
(inside Home Depot)
2880 Queen St. E
(Hwy. 7 & Airport Rd.)
26 - 55 Mountainash Rd.
10 - 80 Pertosa Dr.

Mississauga
Dixie Outlet Mall
Erin Mills Town Centre
Heartland Town Centre
Square One
Winston Churchill & 401
6535B Mississauga Rd.
2458 Dundas St. W
G16 - 3024 Hurontario St.
1A - 1370 Dundas St. E
9 - 34 Bristol Rd. E
2 - 4920 Tomken Rd.
101 - 6200 Dixie Rd.

Oakville
Oakville Place
RioCan Burloak
299 Lakeshore Rd. E
18 - 2501 Third Line
D3 - 2335 Trafalgar Rd.
760 Pacific Rd.

NORTH

Maple
3 - 10019 Keele St.

Markham
Georgian Mall
Markville Shopping Centre
Pacific Mall
Upper Canada Mall

Richmond Hill
Hillcrest Shopping Centre
4 - 11005 Yonge St.
9301 Bathurst St.

Thornhill
Promenade Mall
7171 Yonge St.
8117 Yonge St.

Vaughan
Vaughan Mills Outlet Mall
3 - 4000 Hwy. 7

Woodbridge
A7 - 4220 Steeles Ave. W

EAST

Ajax
RioCan Durham

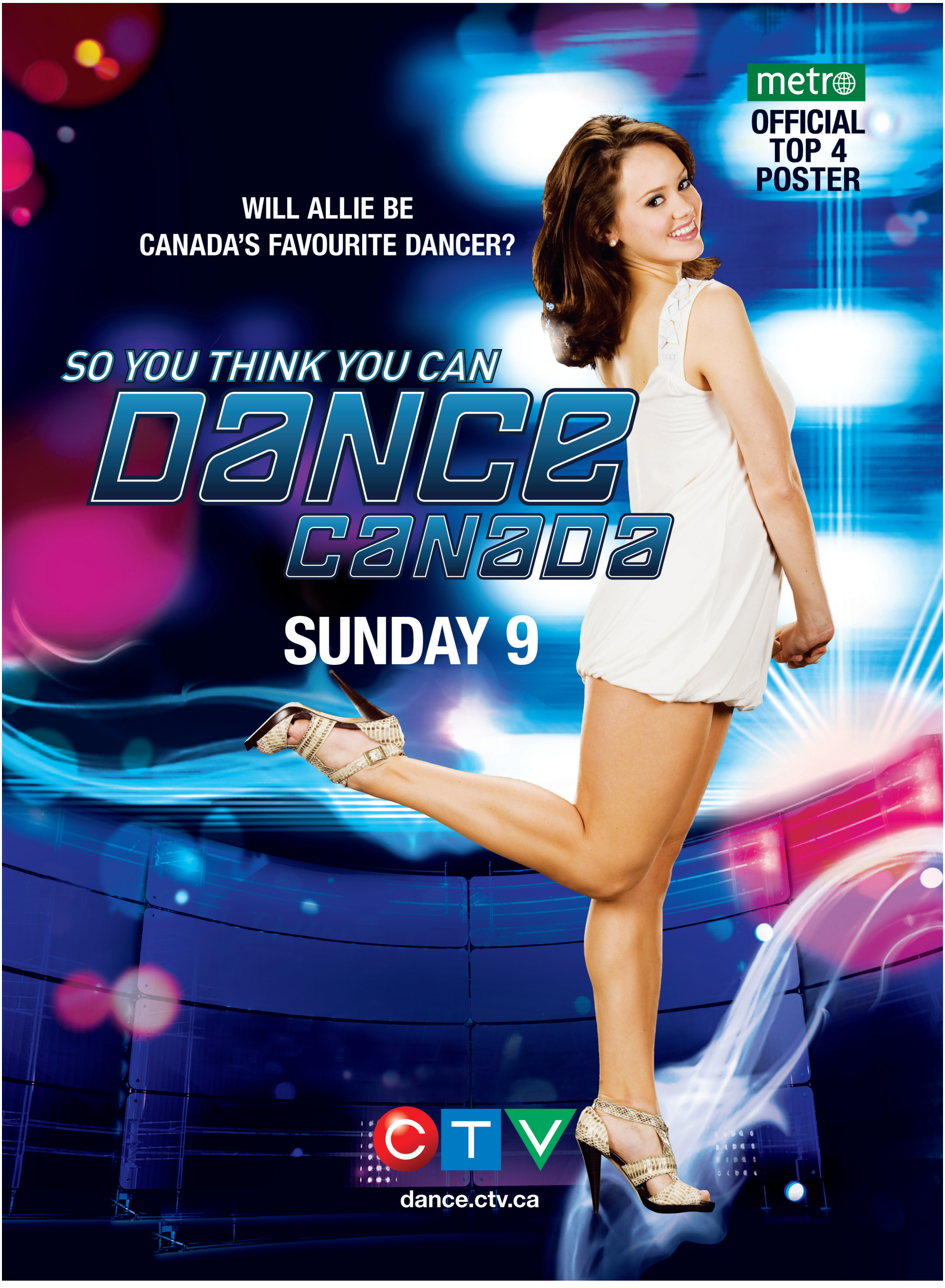
Oshawa
Harmony Plaza
Oshawa Centre
27 - 1414 King St. E

Whitby
Brock & Taunton Power Centre

For more details on these great offers, visit your TELUS store, authorized dealer or retailer, visit telusmobility.com or call 1-866-264-2966.

FUTURE SHOP BEST BUY WAL★MART CELLULAPOINT

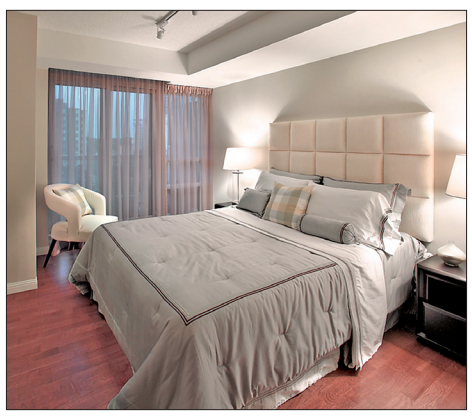
Phone availability and price may vary. Prices are subject to change without notice. *Available until December 25, 2008. Effective net price after in-store discount at time of activation. Available for clients (new and renewal) who activate voice and data service with a combination of a voice rate plan and a data add-on totalling $45 or more on a 3 year term. TELUS reserves the right to modify eligible rate plans with this offer at any time without advance notice. †Offer available as an add-on to voice rate plans with a plan rate of $30 or greater on PDA smartphones (with TELUS mobile email only) and BlackBerry smartphones (with BlackBerry Internet Service only). An additional 10¢ will apply for each text message or attachment sent outside of Canada and the U.S. Premium messages are not included. Instant messaging available with Windows Live Messenger on PDA smartphones only and BlackBerry Messenger on BlackBerry smartphones only. Data used while roaming in the U.S. is charged at $8/MB. Any usage incurred through a laptop/computer will be charged at $8/MB. Cannot be combined with any other data plan. Web browsing and applications usage is not available on BlackBerry smartphones and is charged at pay-per-use rate of $8/MB on PDA smartphones. TELUS, the TELUS logo and the future is friendly are trademarks of TELUS Corporation. The BlackBerry smartphone and RIM families of related marks, images and symbols are the exclusive properties of and trademarks of or registered trademarks of Research In Motion Limited – used by permission. Google and the Google logo are trademarks of Google, Inc. Yahoo is a registered trademark of Yahoo! Canada Co. All other trademarks are property of their respective owners. © 2008 TELUS.


metro
OFFICIAL TOP 4 POSTER
WILL ALLIE BE CANADA'S FAVOURITE DANCER?
SO YOU THINK YOU CAN
DANCE
CANADA
SUNDAY 9
CTV
dance.ctv.ca

Metro Homes

A METRO JOINT VENTURE WITH: dreamhomes & CONDOMINIUMS

EDITOR: DOUGLAS DUNLOP, DOUGLAS.DUNLOP@METRONEWS.CA



The kitchen, den and bedroom of Plazacorp's 900 Mount Pleasant condominiums are seen here.

Neutral elegance

Suite Talk

NOELLE MUNARETTO
for Metro Canada

A serene style, tailored to reflect uptown Toronto's sophisticated vibe, characterizes the model suite for Plazacorp's new 900 Mount Pleasant condominium residences.

"There's an easy elegance with an overall glamour and comfort level," says Enid Macintosh, an interior designer for Patton & Associates. "The look is based on what we feel people in that area will like."

Along with fellow designers Bryon Patton and Sean Swayze, she created a space that aims to give buyers the best of both worlds — a blend of classic and contemporary design.

"We really think people live that way," says Macintosh. "They have a mix of things that they have had and loved … and then they add cleaner, modern things. It appeals to more people when you mix things up."

One of the suite's most notable aspects is the subdued colour palate. Neutral shades of cream, white, grey and brown add warmth and depth to the rooms. These tones are also echoed in the kitchen with the coppery-cognac cabinetry.

Macintosh says the calming hues will appeal to all purchasers.

"Everyone likes neutrals because then you can add in your own personality with colour," she says.

Unique design features include a padded headboard in the master bedroom, the use of mirrors and other lustrous finishes to reflect natural light, luxurious drapery and cocoa-brown hardwood floors.

Units at 900 Mount Pleasant are available from 532 to 1,888 square feet. One bedroom, two bedroom, and suites with dens range from $299,900 to $399,900. Penthouses are priced from $599,000 to $1 million. All prices include parking and a locker.

West of the core safe area for investments

TheHunt

Amit Paul
amitp@rogers.com

Last week I began a series of articles that will address the various real estate pockets within the GTA, and discuss how each of them is, and will continue to be, affected by this buyer's market. The goal of these articles is to help you better understand the dynamics of the market, but also to help you determine which area(s) make most sense for you, if you are considering a move. Last week I began with Toronto's Downtown core. This week I will address both King West and Bloor West. Of course Queen West is rolled into this as well.

King West (KW) and Bloor West (BW) can be grouped together as they share many similarities. Both areas benefited immensely from the past several years of booming real estate prices. King West especially, being a newer pocket, went from affordable and quaint to trendy and expensive in a matter of less than half a decade. If you're looking to purchase within either of these areas you'll notice that prices have become much more favorable, from the buyer's perspective. This is exceedingly true for those same properties that can be considered most unique and desirable within these areas — fancy lofts, freehold townhomes/semis and detached. These types of properties saw the most aggressive rise in prices during the scorching days of 2006 and 2007 and, therefore, will see the most noticeable fall back down to reality. As a result, a purchase within KW or BW should prove to be quite a bargain.

However, it's important to remember that "bargain" is a relative term. KW and BW are still extremely popular and convenient areas and so will also benefit from market security. Bargain in this context means that no longer will you be forced to pay $10,000-$50,000 above market value in these areas. Much like the core, buyers will benefit from a virtual trip back in time — you're securing a property in 2008/2009 below an already established high price of months ago. This also means that once the markets turn around the upside on appreciation value is very desirable.

In a nut-shell, KW and BW, as well as Queen West, have seen a significant drop in prices especially on properties that previously benefited the most. Investments within these areas shall prove safe.

Amit is a Realtor/Developer with Re/Max. amitp@rogers.com

Evergreen™
IT'S OUR NATURE.

Model Homes Now Open!
Environmentally Friendly Freehold Townhomes & Singles

Industry leading LEED® for Homes Certified Community

- Extra Deep Lots up to 149' deep
- Main Level Engineered Hardwood Flooring
- Oak Stairs in Natural Finish
- Central Air Conditioning
- 5 Appliances
- Easy Access to GO Transit

PLUS

Limited Time Only – Model Opening Bonus

- Granite & Bedroom Level Engineered Hardwood flooring or $12,500 cash back (excluding end/corner unit townhomes)*

Townhomes from $360,990
Singles from $487,990

Experience Centre
1 Jeanette St., Scarborough
Mon.–Thurs.: 1p.m.–8p.m.
Fri.: 12p.m.–5p.m.
Weekends & Holidays: 11a.m.–6p.m.
Phone: 416.261.0707

monarchgroup.net

Monarch

ENERGY STAR PARTICIPANT
U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL MEMBER
LEED FOR HOMES

*Terms and restrictions apply, please see sales representative for details. †Bonus offer for granite counter tops is for ground level only. Prices and specifications are subject to change without notice. Renderings are artist concept and images are for mood and impression only. The ENERGY STAR Trade Symbol does not imply certification of this organization or its products. The ENERGY STAR® registered marks are administered and promoted in Canada by Natural Resources Canada. Project "registered under LEED® for Homes" E.& O.E. December 4, 2008

Decor
Read more in the December issue of STYLE AT HOME magazine. ON SALE NOW! *styleathome.com* | CANADA'S styleathome

Drink up

Cocktail collection is the perfect mix

HOME & STYLE Williams-Sonoma joined forces with the bartenders of New York City's hottest restaurants to create a cocktail collection for sophisticated home entertaining. Eleven Madison Park Spiced Pineapple Cooler and The Remedy cocktail mixes, $19 each; Dorset double old-fashioned glass, $28, martini glass, $30; Williams-Sonoma, *williams-sonoma.ca* for stores. — BRETT WALTHER

Read on

Inspiration abounds in makeover book

HOME LIBRARY House Beautiful 500 Makeovers, $27, Hearst, hardcover, 480 pages. If you're about to attempt a makeover but lack inspiration, look no further: the editors at House Beautiful share hundreds of their best makeover ideas in this book, which contains sections covering the basic design elements — balance, simplicity, function, impact, colour and details. There are no before pictures, but the afters are beautifully presented. Each photo has a caption describing the room or highlighting specific details you may want to incorporate into your home. — JENN HOULIHAN

A taste of Sweden

Designer Eva Lundgreen describes the influences behind her bold and graphic IKEA holiday lineup

Q Your designs have a fanciful element. Did your work, which includes kids' items, influence the products you created for the collection?

A Not directly, but certainly memories of the past did. I've always been inspired by the countryside. My father is from a rural area near the mountains in Sweden. To me, Christmas is all about being there — in the snow, with a fire burning in the fireplace to warm you when you come in from skiing.

I particularly love the wool blankets that are used in the sleds behind the horses; the colours and textures really inspired me. Old-fashioned Swedish style evokes such positive memories for me. My challenge was to give it a modern twist.

Q How does old-fashioned become new again?

A Swedish Christmas is not about glamour — it's about simplicity, a key ingredient in modern interiors. So, to start, I took some of the images used in old Swedish Christmas stories, simplified them, then enlarged them so they're more graphic...

The repetition of bold, graphic images is modern; so is adding unusual colours to the classic red-and-green theme. In this collection, I picked orange, an exciting, contemporary colour that's warm for winter. You'll see orange in my striped textiles. Stripes were very popular in Scandinavian fabrics made a hundred years ago, but there's also something really modern about the look of striped pillows. — BY LIZA FINLAY

Clockwise from above, KAALT scented block candles, bags, deco baubles and tea towels are all part of the lineup that designer Eva Lundgreen, right, created for IKEA's holiday collection.

IKEA PHOTOS

Fill 'em up, Santa! St. Nick wouldn't dare leave a lump of coal in such stylish stockings

Argyle, $15, HomeSense, *homesense.ca* for stores.

Folk Bouquet linen/cotton, $70 US, John Robshaw Textiles, *johnrobshaw.com* for retailers and to order.

Trail hemp/organic cotton, $55 US, Amenity Home, *amenityhome.com* to order.

Faux suede cutout, $20, Accent Imports, 800-263-3551 for retailers.

Gold Leaf linen/cotton, $70 US, John Robshaw Textiles, *johnrobshaw.com*.

Felt cutout, $10, President's Choice Home Collection, *pc.ca* for retailers.

— BY LAUREN FLANAGAN

JESSICA LIN PHOTOS

Origami swans, cranes and flowers, Sparkling Sweet Origami, *sparklingsweetorigami.com* to order.

MARK BURSTYN

Origami birds turn a centrepiece into a flight of fancy

SO SIMPLE Manzanita branches adorned with origami birds and flowers make a stunning alternative to a floral centrepiece.

This project is inspired by the show-stopping displays created by William Fulghum of Church Street Flowers in Toronto and stylist Rodney Smith, which we spied at the swish cocktail party hosted by Hermès Canada president and CEO Jennifer Carter.

Our DIY version is easy to assemble, especially if you use ready-made origami birds and flowers from an online source like Sparkling Sweet Origami. We liked William's gold-and-white scheme, but you can customize the palette to suit your table.

- Spray-paint branches (from florists) with Krylon's Indoor/Outdoor glossy white paint (visit *krylon.com* for retailers) and let dry.
- Fill a low container with dry floral foam (from florists and craft stores). Arrange branches, pushing them firmly into the foam. Cover foam with mini Christmas balls. Using a needle, add loop of gold thread to origami pieces and position them on the tree.
- You can also attach a few origami items with double-sided tape.

— WRITTEN AND PRODUCED BY MARGOT AUSTIN

UPPER DANFORTH Village
Experience Centre
8 Pilkington Drive, Scarborough
Mon.–Thurs.: 1p.m.–8p.m.
Fri.: 12p.m.–5p.m.
Weekends & Holidays: 11a.m.–6p.m.
Phone: 416.686.3165
Eglinton Ave. E. / Warden Ave. / SITE / Pilkington Dr. / Danforth Rd. / Birchmount Ave. / Danforth Ave.

Inventory Homes Available - Last Chance To Live Here!
SCARBOROUGH
SEMIS & TOWNHOMES AVAILABLE!
SEMIS FEATURE:
- $15,000 in Upgrades*
- Hardwood flooring on Main Level in lieu of carpeted areas
- 2 Oak-finished staircases - See Sales Representative for details
- Finished basement as per plan
- Finished bathroom in basement as per plan

TOWNHOMES FEATURE:
- Hardwood flooring on Main Level in lieu of carpeted areas
- Tandem garage (parks 2 cars)
- Sundecks included in all designs
- All four-bedroom designs
- 2½ & 3½ bathroom designs
- Minutes to shopping, restaurants and amenities
- Steps from the **TTC & Subway**

Townhomes from $315,990
Semis from $421,690
monarchgroup.net
Monarch

*Extras noted above are as per plan and as specified by vendor. Some restrictions may apply. Extras to be chosen at Monarch's Home Design Studio. Please see Sales Representative for details. Prices, specifications and promos are subject to change without notice. E.&O.E. December 4, 2008

the new fido™

Giving low prices a good home.

NEW PLANS FROM

$15

PER MONTH[1]

AND WE DON'T CHAIN YOU to a term contract[2]

THE NEW OWNER'S GUARANTEE

1. No System Access Fees
2. Free text alerts for budget control
3. No term contract necessary
4. We give back with FidoDollars™ every time you use your phone

SHOP FIDO.CA
Drop by a store
Call 1-866-301-3436

IF YOU SHARE OUR CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, PLEASE USE ONLINE BILLING. VISIT FIDO.CA/BILLING.

1. A one-time activation fee of $35 per line applies. Local airtime over the allotted monthly minutes in the monthly plan, long-distance and roaming charges and any additional options selected and applicable taxes are extra and are also billed monthly. **2.** Most phones available with either a 2-year Fido Agreement or with no term commitment. Offers and pricing subject to change without prior notice. ™ Fido & design and FidoDollars are trademarks of Fido Solutions Inc. ©2008 Fido Solutions Inc.

FIDO STORES

TORONTO
Dufferin Mall
First Canadian Place
Scarborough Town Centre
Sherway Gardens
Toronto Eaton Centre
Woodbine Centre
Yorkdale Shopping Centre
290 Queen Street West

WEST
Bramalea City Centre
Cambridge Centre
Conestoga Mall
Devonshire Mall
Erin Mills Shopping Centre
Fairview Park Mall
Lime Ridge Mall
Mapleview Shopping Centre
Masonville Place
Pen Centre Mall
Shoppers World
Square One Shopping Centre
Stone Road Mall
White Oaks Mall

NORTH
Centerpoint Mall
Fairview Mall
Georgian Mall
Hillcrest Mall
Markville Shopping Centre
The Promenade Shopping Centre
Upper Canada Mall
Vaughan Mills

EAST
Oshawa Centre

EXCLUSIVE DEALERS

TORONTO

BUSINESS PLUS WIRELESS INC.
437 Parliament, Toronto
509 Church Street, Toronto

CHANNEL WIRELESS
4675 Steeles Avenue East, Scarborough

DIGICELL.CA
222 Spadina Avenue, Unit 3A, Toronto

PEPPER WIRELESS
4438 Sheppard Avenue East, Unit 127, Scarborough

Q-TELECOM
958 College Street, Toronto

SMART CELL SOLUTIONS
2456 Lakeshore Boulevard West, Toronto

STAR LITE WIRELESS
672 Gerrard Street East, Toronto

STUDENT PHONES
20 Duncan Street, Suite 201, Toronto
University of Toronto Computer Shop
York University Federation of Students

TOTAL COMMUNICATION CENTRE
1648 Jane Street, Toronto
1659 Weston Road, Toronto

UNI-CELL TELECOM INC.
2300 Yonge Street, Unit S22, Toronto
652 Bloor Street West, Toronto
5150 Yonge Street, Unit G3, North York

UNIPAGE
Splendid China Tower, Unit 74 and 105, Toronto
Chinatown Centre, Toronto

WIRELESS DNA
363 Yonge Street, Toronto
220 Yonge Street, Level 1, Toronto Eaton Centre
1448 Queen Street West, Toronto
6064 Yonge Street, Toronto
1911 Finch Avenue West, Unit K11, Toronto
East York Town Centre, Toronto

WEST

GENERATION WIRELESS
Dixie Outlet Mall, Mississauga

Q-TELECOM
888 Dundas Street East, Unit B2-3, Mississauga

NORTH

CHANNEL WIRELESS
3255 Highway 7 East, Unit 126, Markham

DIGICELL.CA
First Markham Place, Unit 167
Pacific Mall, Unit E28, C3
77 James Street North, Hamilton

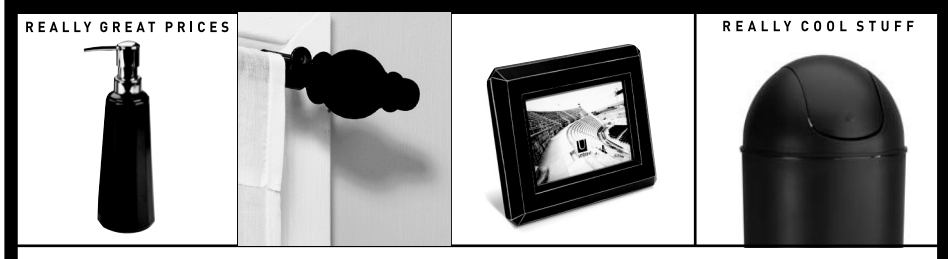
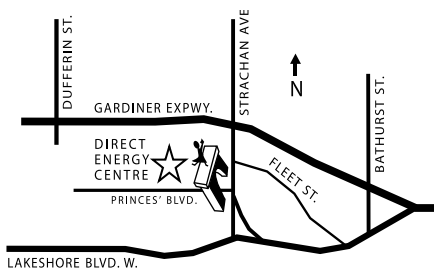
UNI-CELL TELECOM
Denison Centre, Markham

UNIPAGE
Pacific Place Mall, Markham
First Markham Place, Unit 136, Markham
Promenade Shopping Centre, Thornhill

EAST

UNIPAGE
Oriental Centre Mall, Scarborough

FUTURE SHOP
BEST BUY
WIRELESSWAVE
booth the telephone booth
WIRELESS etc...
COSTCO WHOLESALE
WAL★MART

umbra®
FACTORY SALE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 9AM TO 6PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 9AM TO 6PM
REALLY GREAT PRICES
REALLY COOL STUFF

CNE
DIRECT ENERGY CENTRE
HALL A • PARKING LOT 3
UNDERGROUND PARKING ON WEST SIDE


FREE GIFT WITH A $2 DONATION TO SICKKIDS FOUNDATION
OR A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATION FOR THE DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK.
umbra
www.umbra.com
Interac VISA MasterCard SickKids FOUNDATION Daily Bread Food Bank FIGHTING HUNGER

Real risk with 'retrofits' due to lack of warranty

LegalMatters

Jeffrey D. Cowan
jeff@cowanandtaylor.com

Q **After almost three years, we are finally ready to take interim occupancy of our new condo, which was a redevelopment from an old factory. We arrived for our Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI) and found the unit nowhere near ready for occupancy. The service that was hired for the PDI wouldn't even entertain going through the countless deficiencies and listing them. What are our rights?**

A This is a not so uncommon plight and raises some interesting issues:

Because the new condo is crafted from a pre-existing building, it is known as what you technically call a "retrofit." These buildings are not covered under Ontario's warranty Tarion program so your remedies for delay and problems are directly against the builder. There is no government-based warranty.

I will repeat again, builders are generally motivated to get purchasers into their living units as soon as possible so they are carrying the costs of the unit and often the builders set unrealistic expectations about what their workers can complete. If you attended at the unit and it was basically unlivable, then you can go back to the builder and set a new date (in this case, the toilet was still in its box in the middle of the living room). However, there is a grey area where the unit is substantially complete and you have no choice but to move in.

This is not a great situations because after you have moved in, the last thing you want is workers travelling through your home (possibly during the day when you are at work) and creating a mess — drywall dust et al — in order for you to discover what progress has been made while you were toiling away to pay the interim occupancy costs. This is absolutely one of the risks of purchasing a non-Tarion warranted property.

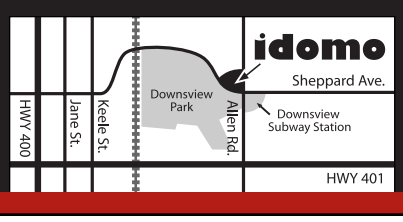
The upside to this is that there are some really fantastic rebuilt properties (mainly lofts) that have greatly appreciated in value over the past few years simply due to the fact that they retain their original brick work and character. Care should be taken when entering into contracts with retrofit builders; and reputation and track record of the builder is even more important in this regard.

Jeffrey D. Cowan is the principal of Cowan & Taylor, Barristers & Solicitors, jeff@cowanandtaylor.com. The information contained in this article should not be relied upon as legal advice.

Great savings with all new dining at Idomo.
New shipments have arrived at Idomo. All glass tops are tempered and are available with a glass lazy susan or hidden extension making them ideal for condo living. The unique teardrop table will re-invent your condo space allowing easy access around it while the space saving square table has an easy glide extension for extra guests.
Let Idomo's designs give back the space you need.

Tempered Glass Dining Set with Lazy Susan Turnaround
Chairs available in green, tan, white, blue or black. Includes: 120cm dia. Table (390 007), 4 green dining chairs (390 022). (Group. 390 029)
sale $699.99
reg. $899.99

sale $699.99
reg. $899.99
Extendable Glass Dining Set
Chairs available in white, blue, tan, green or black. 90x90cm extends to 150x90cm. (Group. 390 032)
Includes: Table (390 003) and 4 dining chairs.

sale $499.99
reg. $659.99
Tempered Glass Teardrop Table with White Chairs (Group. 390 030)
Includes: 90x90cm Table (390 009), 3 chairs (390 018).


Monday/Thursday/Friday: 10:00am to 9:00pm
Tuesday/Wednesday/Saturday: 10:00am to 6:00pm
Sunday: 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm
1100 Sheppard Avenue West, Toronto
Tel: (416) 630-3622 • www.idomo.com
idomo FURNITURE

DAVID COOPER PHOTOS

Left: Royal York and QEW, $309,900 now, listed in June at $389,900; centre: Dundas and Greenwood, $310,000 now, listed in June at $385,000; York Mills and Victoria Park $349,000 now, listed in July at $389,000.

Welcome to the new realty reality

With the average Toronto-area house worth $41,672 less than it was a year ago, it is certainly a time to buy.

In the real estate world, it's the equivalent of a price rollback at Wal-Mart.

Last year it was all about multiple offers, and like nervous suitors at a high school dance, buyers were lined up, hoping to be picked by choosy vendors.

But this year vendors are the ones handing out the corsages while adjusting to the new reality that the average Toronto-area home is worth $41,672 less than it was a year ago, while sales are down by 35 per cent.

"A year ago properties weren't staying on the market for long enough so we never did that (entice buyers) with any frequency," says Mary Di Felice, a broker with ReMax 2000 Realty Inc. "But these are certainly different times."

Our investigation looked at a random sampling of homes throughout the Toronto area that have had their asking prices chopped as buyers suddenly found they were in the driver's seat. A combination of an uncertain economy, the seasonal winter slowdown and the end of one of the longest housing upswings in history has made this a buyer's market.

"The hardest thing for a real estate agent to do is to knock on a door and tell their client that they have to reduce their price if they want to sell their property," says Exit Realty agent Joseph Deturse.

"That's not something anyone wants to hear."

This year Deturse has been doing just that, and more often than he'd like. But after more than a decade of rising prices, where the average home is now worth $352,974 compared to $394,646, some vendors haven't caught on to the new reality.

This month Deturse had to slash prices on another property in Etobicoke, a bungalow on Manitoba St. that was originally listed for $389,900, then reduced to $349,000, then $329,000, and now to $309,900, or 21 per cent off.

"As an agent you have to be out there working harder to get the property moving — there is a lot more product out there for people to choose from," says Deturse. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Other head-turning rollbacks

- A house at Danforth and Eglinton is $199,000 now, but was originally listed at $249,900 -20%; Dufferin and Kirby, $799,000 now, listed in October at $869,900 -8%; Islington and Finch, $275,000 now, listed in June at $319,000 -14%; Dufferin and King sold Nov. 13 for $266,000 but listed in September at $399,000 -33%.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

WATERSCAPES
THE CONDOMINIUM

GRAND OPENING! ETOBICOKE WATERFRONT

There is nothing like this. Anywhere.
Condominium living at the water's edge.

Limited Time Offer!
2% OFF the Purchase Price** or
2 YEARS FREE Maintenance**

Waterscapes
from
$189,990*

Presentation Gallery:
68 Marine Parade Drive,
Etobicoke

Monday – Thursday:
12:00 Noon – 6:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays.
Weekends & Holidays:
12:00 Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Phone: 416.495.3544

monarchgroup.net

This offer is the Purchaser's choice of either (1.) two percent off the Vendor's standard base retail price for any residential suite; or (2.) two years free common element charges, in Monarch's "Waterscapes", only. The following restrictions apply: Parking and locker units, if sold separately from the residential suite, are excluded from the calculation of the "two per cent off" or the "two years free maintenance" offers. This offer is for a limited time only and may be withdrawn by the Vendor at any time until an Agreement of Purchase and Sale is signed by both Purchaser and Vendor. "Two years free maintenance" offer is a lump sum credit applied to the final statement of adjustments on final closing, and is equal to 24 months common expenses based upon the first year budget of the condominium as at the turnover date. For greater certainty "two years free maintenance" offer does not include any increases in maintenance fees in the second year of the condominium over and above the amount credited by the Vendor on final closing. For further information, please consult the sales representative at Monarch's Presentation Gallery today. *Prices, specifications and promotions are subject to change without notice. Renderings are artist concept and images are for mood and impression only. E. & O.E. **Brokers warmly welcomed with personal introduction. December 4, 2008

Monarch

New dreamhomes & condominiums Magazine
To learn more about new homes real estate, pick-up your FREE copy of New dreamhomes & condominiums Magazine at your nearest DreamBox.

It's high time for a new home fixture

Stylish urinals are now making their way into residential bathrooms, thus eliminating an age-old domestic battle

HomeScape

Any female who lives with men, boys or both has undoubtedly suffered through the major irritation associated with sitting on a wet toilet seat.

And we know why it's wet. Yuck. There really is nothing worse.

While older men who are considerate of female members of the family may have more experience with, shall we say, accurate aim, the same cannot be said for little boys or even older boys who are presumably still working on it.

Some may think leaving the toilet seat up is the answer. I beg to differ. I distinctly recall my mother's agitation late one night upon sitting down unexpectedly on the cold and clammy lip of the toilet.

Needless to say, the seat had been left up. And I can assure you that my brothers were awakened directly from their peaceful slumber to hear her thoughts on the matter. So, is there really no solution in this ongoing battle between male and female family members when it comes to toilet seats? You can always impose toilet rules and strictly enforce them, and this is an inexpensive option, to be sure.

"It's a good-looking little gadget that is exclusively for the males in the family. And that's a nice change in a room that is usually a homage to the female idea of luxury and pampering."

But if you're considering renovating a bathroom, you can circumvent the problem entirely by installing a urinal. These units are primarily confined to a commercial market for now. Buying one is usually via special order, and plumbers and electricians are not yet accustomed to installing them.

But things are starting to change. I'm not the only one who can imagine the benefits. No more toilet seat battles. No more unpleasant surprises for the unwary. Less flushing of water. And it makes life easier for the person who cleans.

Not only that, a urinal in fact can be quite a style statement, sometimes executed in a witty or humourous way, and not at all the grotty trough you might remember from visiting well-used bar toilets.

Even in its most basic form, it's a good-looking little gadget that is exclusively for the males in the family. And that's a nice change in a room that is usually a homage to the female idea of luxury and pampering.

You can order your basic white porcelain urinal as a special order item from most large hardware store in your area, from about $300 for an American Standard or Crane unit, to up to $3,000 for an upscale Kohler model with contemporary styling.

For some cool ideas about how far you can go, consider, for example, the urinals that look like outrageously blooming flowers (see the New Flower Urinal designs by Clark Sorensen, at *Clarkmade.com*). For $4,000 to $10,000 US, you can aim into the bowl of a yellow tulip or Easter lily. Believe me, these urinals are so gorgeous, women may be a touch envious.

The English have a witty version of a urinal called the Spoon, designed by Phillip Watts (*philipwattsdesign.com*). It stands on its handle, and you aim into the deep curved spoon space.

One thing is clear. Whether you're looking at a showstopper or an unobtrusive white porcelain model, a urinal at home is an idea whose time has come.

KOHLER

Two models of Kohler's Steward waterless urinal, a commercial fixture that is sleek enough to install in a residential bathroom.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in home decor and design. She has written extensively for the TV show Arresting Design.

A real crowd pleaser
This Charity Box Holiday gift set — which includes a Charity Pot, Fair Trade Foot Lotion, Nutts, Karma Soap, and The Olive Branch Shower Gel — is also vegan-friendly. Available at Lush for $59.99. For more, go to lush.ca. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

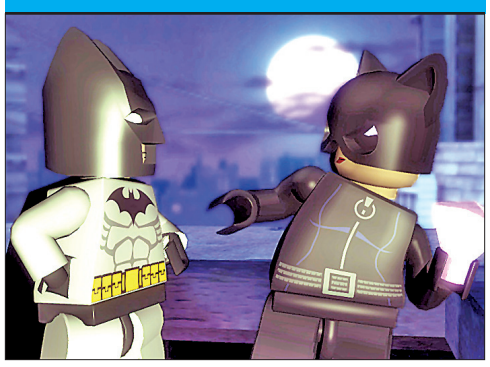
Holiday Shopping Guide III

SPECIAL FEATURES EDITOR: STEPHANIE BOMBA, STEPHANIE.BOMBA@METRONEWS.CA

The gift of giving

Making a list and checking it twice? For gift ideas for him, her and the kids, go to pages 36-42.

Games Pg 35



Gift ideas abound for the gamers on your list.

Celebrities Pg 43

Advice from Colin & Justin, Mike Holmes and more.

DVDs Pg 46

A roundup of the best in box sets this holiday season.

OPENS SATURDAY!
DEC.6-28
BEST AVAILABILITY DECEMBER 10, 11, 12 AT 7PM
thenutcracker.ca
416.345.9595
TOLL FREE 1.866.345.9595
2008/09 SEASON IS PRESENTED BY
CTV THE GLOBE AND MAIL
FOUR SEASONS CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

TD Waterhouse PRESENTS
THE NUTCRACKER
KAREN KAIN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
THE NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA
SPECIAL OFFER – FREE PARKING ON SELECT PERFORMANCES TO DECEMBER 18 ONLY!

ADEN

www.adencamera.com - info@adencamera.com

Your Professional Camera Dealer Since 1979

$409.99

w/ AF-S 18-55mm Lens

Save $90

D40

- 6 Megapixel DX Format CCD
- 2.5" LCD Monitor
- 3D Colour Matrix Metering

$639.99

w/ AF-S 18-135mm Lens

Save $60

Nikon

WARRANTY 2 YEAR Nikon CANADA INC
On Most Coolpix Digital SLR's See In Store for Details

WARRANTY 5 YEAR Nikon CANADA INC
On All Nikkor Lenses See In Store for Details

WARRANTY 2 YEAR Nikon CANADA INC
On Most Coolpix Digital Cameras See In Store for Details

D60

- 10.2 Megapixel DX Format CCD
- 3 frames per secong shooting
- 3-area Auto Focus system

$519.99

w/ AF-S 18-55mm VR Lens

Save $80

$144.99

AF-S DX 55-200mm Lens

Save $75

$229.99

AF-S DX 55-200mm VR Lens

Save $90

D90

- 12.3 Megapixel CMOS Sensor
- 720p Hi-Def Movie Mode
- 3.0" LCD Display

$1249.99

w/ AF-S 18-55mm VR Lens & Bonus Starter Kit

Save $30

Nikon PRODEALER

Save $130

$1319.99

w/ AF-S 18-105mm VR Lens

$1499.99

Body Only

Save $300

D300

- 12.3 Megapixel CMOS Sensor
- 51-point Auto Focus System
- 3.0" VGA Display Screen

$2749.99

Body Only

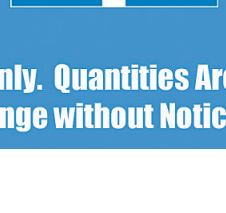
Save $550

D700

- 12.1 Megapixel Full-Frame Sensor
- ISO Sensitivity Ranges 200-6400
- 5 Frames per Second Shooting

348 Yonge St.
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-598-1964
Tel: 416-977-3157
OPEN SUNDAYS.

364 Yonge St.
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-977-9711
Tel: 416-977-9788



4300 Steeles Ave E.
Pacific Mall, #B-31
Markham, ON
Tel: 905-513-9277
OPEN SUNDAYS.

VISA MasterCard AMERICAN EXPRESS SEARS CLUB CARD

We accept Visa, Mastercard, Amex and Sears Club Credit Cards!!

Pricing Valid While Supplies Last. Available Stock Only. Quantities Are Limited.

Aden is a Division of Grand Camera Ltd. Prices & Offers are subjected to change without Notice. Errors and Omissions excepted.

ADEN

www.adencamera.com - info@adencamera.com

Your Professional Camera Dealer Since 1979

Save $80

P6000 • $419.99

- 13.5 Effective Megapixels
- 4x Wide-Angle Zoom Lens
- Can Shoot in RAW format
- Built-in GPS Records Location as you shoot.
- External Flash Mount

P80 • $339.99

- 10.1 Effective Megapixels
- 18x Optical Zoom Nikkor Lens
- 2.7" High-Res Display Screen
- ISO Sensitivity up to 6400
- Face-Priority Auto Focus
- 1cm Close Macro Capability

Save $60

Save $15

P50 • $124.99

- 8.1 Effective Megapixels
- 3.6x Optical Zoom Range
- 2.4" LCD Display
- ISO Sensitivity up to 2000
- Takes the readily available size "AA" Batteries

S60 • $299.99

- 10.0 Effective Megapixels
- 5x Optical Zoom Range
- Large 3.5" Display Screen
- ISO Sensitivity up to 3200
- Ultra-Slim Design
- In-Camera Red-Eye Fix

Save $50

Nikon

WARRANTY 2 YEAR Nikon CANADA INC
On Most Coolpix Digital SLR's See In Store for Details

WARRANTY 5 YEAR Nikon CANADA INC
On All Nikkor Lenses See In Store for Details

WARRANTY 2 YEAR Nikon CANADA INC
On Most Coolpix Digital Cameras See In Store for Details

S52 • $179.99

- 9.0 Effective Megapixels
- 3x Optical Zoom Range
- Large 3.0" Display Screen
- ISO Sensitivity up to 3200
- Ultra-Slim Design
- In-Camera Red-Eye Fix

Save $20

S550 • $179.99

- 10.0 Effective Megapixels
- 5x Optical Zoom Range
- Large 2.5" Display Screen
- ISO Sensitivity up to 2000
- Ultra-Slim Design
- In-Camera Red-Eye Fix

Save $30

S560 • $209.99

- 10 Effective Megapixels
- 5x Optical Zoom Range
- Large 2.7" LCD Screen
- ISO Sensitivity up to 3200

S710 • $269.99

- 14.5 Effective Megapixels
- 4x Wide-Angle Zoom Lens
- Large 3.0" LCD Screen
- ISO Sensitivity up to 12,800
- In-Camera Red-Eye Fix
- Face-Priority Auto Focus

Save $50

S210 • $149.99

- 8.0 Effective Megapixels
- 3x Optical Zoom Range
- Large 2.5" Display Screen
- ISO Sensitivity up to 2000
- Ultra-Slim Design

Save $20

L18 • $119.99

- 8.0 Effective Megapixels
- 3x Optical Zoom Nikkor Lens
- 3.0" High-Res Display Screen
- ISO Sensitivity up to 1600
- Takes the readily available size "AA" Batteries

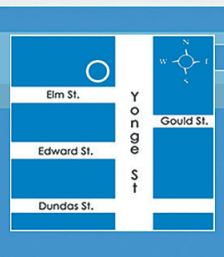
Save $10

Save $5

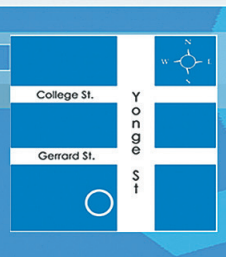
L16 • $94.99

- 7.1 Effective Megapixels
- 3x Optical Zoom Range
- 2.8" High-Res LCD Display
- ISO Sensitivity up to 1600
- New Face Zoom-In Feature
- Anti-Shake AE

Nikon PRO DEALER



348 Yonge St.
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-598-1964
Tel: 416-977-3157
OPEN SUNDAYS.



364 Yonge St.
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-977-9711
Tel: 416-977-9788

4300 Steeles Ave E.
Pacific Mall, #B-31
Markham, ON
Tel: 905-513-9277
OPEN SUNDAYS.

VISA MasterCard AMERICAN EXPRESS SEARS CLUB CARD

We accept Visa, Mastercard, Amex and Sears Club Credit Cards!!

Pricing Valid While Supplies Last. Available Stock Only. Quantities Are Limited.

Aden is a Division of Grand Camera Ltd. Prices & Offers are subjected to change without Notice. Errors and Omissions excepted.

Theatre-style popcorn at home
This Cuisinart EasyPop Popcorn Maker ($69.99) is available at Home Outfitters. For more, go to homeoutfitters.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gamers' delight

KAREN FALCON
for Metro Canada

GOT A GAMER on your list? I've saved you time and stress by playing a bunch of games for you (I know, tough life, huh?). This roundup of recent releases (all under $70) covers the best across the three major consoles and includes something for every age. Throw in extra batteries for controllers and you'll be a gift-giving mastermind.

Call of **Duty:** World at War

Platform: PS2, PS3, Nintendo DS, Wii, Xbox 360
Genre: First-person shooter
Rated: M: 17+

What better gift is there than a flamethrower? None. And you can give the gift of flamethrower by giving COD: World at War.

Powered by the same technology that made the rock-solid COD4 a superstar, this instalment of the franchise focuses on the climactic European and Pacific battles of WWII. I can't lie: It's the best-looking WWII game to date. Add the one-to-four player co-op mode and the replay value just keeps going up. Online multi-player doesn't disappoint, and we could talk about the joys of anti-tank missiles, but there's no time — we're busy taking out wave after wave of bonus-mode zombies.

de **Blob**

Platform: Wii, iPhone
Genre: Puzzle
Rated: E: Everyone

It's a colour revolution! OK: You're a ball. A jiggly, wriggly, gummy little ball that rolls around and restores colour to a monochromatic world, one bounce and splat at a time. You see, the evil INKT Corporation has taken over and outlawed all colour from daily life. Your mission is to investigate and re-animate 10 massive worlds. You'll be thumbstickin', arm wavin', zappin' and making other assorted silly and dramatic yet satisfying gestures to control "de Blob." The more colour you restore, the more stuff you unlock and more colours become available. Watching all this happen while you sit there smearing paint over buildings and landmarks while waving your arms around like a lunatic is oddly entertaining and wickedly gratifying.

Fallout 3

Platform: PS3, Xbox 360
Genre: Action RPG
Rated: M: 17+

Two hundred years after a nuclear war ravages the Earth, in the year 2277, your character escapes out into the world in search of his missing father. This is a vast, open-ended game with a flexible character-levelling system in which what you choose to do makes a difference. On your journey you'll meet other survivors, complete quests, specialize your character, and battle the countless enemies inhabiting the wasteland. This instalment of the Fallout series feels good, looks good, plays incredibly well, is awesomely interactive, and begs to be played pretty much until you go blind.

LEGO **Batman:** The Videogame

Platform: PS2, PS3, PSP, Nintendo DS, Wii, Xbox 360
Genre: Action adventure
Rated: E: 10+

It's a game you can play with your kids. Or let them play with each other. Or forget the kids and play it yourself — it's Batman and it's LEGO. Play as Batman and play as Robin. Build stuff, drive a LEGO Batmobile, swing on bat cables, and capture escaped villains like The Joker and The Penguin. Or play as the evil dudes and wage war on the good guys while spreading mayhem throughout the awesome LEGO Gotham city — whatever your age, LEGO is cool.

Left 4 **Dead**

Platform: Xbox 3
Genre: Horror, shooter
Rated: M: 17+

Mmmm... zombies. Not just zombies, but zombies versus up to four co-op human players.

Slick and stylish with undead that move faster than you'd think the undead would, Left 4 Dead really brings it. It's fun, it's creepy, and, thanks to brilliant A.I. technology, it's different every single time you play. The game tailors itself to the player's abilities. How cool is that? Seriously, is there anything in gaming better than the human struggle against hordes of swarming zombies? Yep, there IS one thing better: The Left 4 Dead co-op human struggle against hordes of swarming zombies. This is the future of co-op.

You can play as Batman or Robin in LEGO Batman: The Videogame.

Gears of **War 2**

Platform: Xbox 3
Genre: First-person shooter
Rated: M: 17+

OK, maybe there is a better gift than a flamethrower. Maybe it's a flamethrower and a chainsaw! Oh, wait. Maybe it's a flamethrower, a chainsaw, and a meat shield! You can give all this and more with Gears of War 2.

It's good. It's really good. Story goes that you and your squad have to save the world — again — but don't worry, the story isn't really where it's at. The upgraded online multi-player is awesome. Did I mention the graphics are crispy-crunchy good, which makes toasting enemies look extra hot? Don't cheap out — if you're thinking of gifting GOW2, spring for a bag of marshmallows to go with.

Little **Big Planet**

Platform: PS3
Genre: Puzzle platformer
Rated: T: Teen

The most highly anticipated game for the PS3 in 2008 is finally here. There's never been a game quite like this in the history of gaming goodness. In LBP, players control little yarn characters, "sackboys," who wander all over the globe. Each cute, customizable character can manipulate and interact with all the objects and environments in the game. Ambitious players can use the stunning level-creator tools to develop their own game environments and share them online. If you don't have a PS3er on your list, then you need to get one just so you can buy them LBP and go over and play it. Yep, it's THAT good.

Rayman Raving **Rabbids:** TV Party

Platform: Nintendo DS, Wii
Genre: Party
Rated: E: 10+

Party, party, party! With super-cute 3D visuals, metric tonnes of humour, great spoofs on popular TV shows and movies, and up to eight players at a time, this instalment of Rayman is jam-packed with more than 50 mini-games. Not just regular mini-games, but the kind that get you and your kids off the couch by making use of the Wii Balance Board. It's the very first game I've played that offers the ability to control my character simply by using my derriere — come on, THAT'S a party.

Resistance 2

Platform: PS3
Genre: First-person shooter
Rated: M: 17+

Exclusive to the PS3 and just in time for the holiday season, Resistance 2 launches with the biggest monsters ever, wicked-awesome graphics, remote-detonating Magnum ammo, eight-player dynamic campaign co-op, and one-to-60 multi-player on massive maps. If that isn't enough, it's just plain adrenaline-pumping fun. You'll serve as a bullet-magnet for waves of aggressive and accurate enemies, but don't worry 'cuz at your fingertips you've got what's easily one of the coolest arsenals in the history of gaming. It's a complete, hugely entertaining package for Resistance fans and newcomers alike.

You CAN please everyone!

"Easy to organize"
-Administrative Assistant

"Cost effective"
-CFO

"Open bar!"
-Your Biggest Client

Show your clients & staff the appreciation they deserve

The Second City®

BUY A PLAYSTATION®3 AT EB GAMES™ / GAMESTOP™ AND GET ONE OF THESE FIVE GAMES FREE

80GB PLAYSTATION®3 core for $399.99

614872-0

615676-4

613394-6

606321-8

613361-5

609093-0

EB GAMES HARD CORE HOLIDAY

Visit www.ebgames.ca for a store location near you!

With over 320 locations and the best selection of games of any Canadian retailer, we are sure to have the gifts that you are looking for!

PLAYSTATION 3

EB GAMES™ GameStop™ WWW.EBGAMES.CA

Blu-ray Disc™

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS ARE NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EB GAMES CANADA. PRICES AND AVAILABILITY SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. PRICES AND PRODUCT IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 13, 2008.
SEE SALES ASSOCIATE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS. © 2008 EB GAMES CANADA. "PlayStation", "PLAYSTATION" and the "PS" Family logo are registered trademarks of Sony Computer Entertainment Inc.
LIMIT 1 PER CUSTOMER. NO DEALERS PLEASE. At time of printing, all products are expected to be available. Used product excluded. Free game offer valued up to $69.99. Collector's Editions are excluded.

Keep her warm
These striped gloves, $10, and striped scarf, $14, are both available at Joe Fresh. Go to joe.ca for more. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Spread some Christmas cheer

#1 Stepping it up

Visit: ecco.com
Elista leather boots in retro red, $275. Also available in black.

#2 Bejeweled ballet flats

Phone: 1-800-653-6289
Visit: oldnavy.ca
Make her feet sparkle with bejeweled flats ($26.50).

#3 You look 'spa'-velous

Phone: 1-877-737-4672
Visit: sephora.com
Bliss collection ($45) includes body butter and hand cream.

#4 18k white gold & silver charms

Phone: 1-800-843-3269
Visit: tiffany.ca
These white gold and sterling silver charms range in price from $140-$2,400.

#5 For the chocoholic

Visit: homesense.ca
Gourmet chocolate recipe book ($12.99) and four sipping chocolates ($29.99).

#6 Harajuku fragrances

Visit: shoppersdrugmart.ca
Love, Baby, Music, Lil' Angel, and G are available for $49/30 mL, or $62 for a set (5 x 10 mL).

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
CHARLES DICKENS
ADAPTED & DIRECTED BY MICHAEL SHAMATA

OPENS TONIGHT

Holiday magic for the whole family
Children's tickets only $28

YOUNG CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
DISTILLERY HISTORIC DISTRICT

PRODUCTION SPONSOR
Cadbury

416.866.8666
soulpepper.ca

2008 MAJOR SPONSORS
Scotiabank Group | TELUS | Sun Life Financial

BUY DIRECT

MEGA WAREHOUSE SALE

75% to 90% off

Items at $1 $3 $5 *for the whole family*

10,000 square feet of brand name clothing to be liquidated!

Kids 0 – 16

Sets of 2 and 3 pieces, cotton fleece, jeans, boxers, tops, dresses, sweaters and more.

*Tuti Fruiti, Zero Kids, Bratz, Spiderman and more.

99¢ to $9.99

SPIDER-MAN BRATZ

Women & Men

Sizes small to 5XL

*French Dressing, South Pole, TYR Sport, Arrow, FUBU, Kodiak and more

Jackets, jeans, pants, tops, skirts, cotton fleece, sweaters, coats, boxers, tee shirts and more.

FDJ FRENCH DRESSING

$1.99 to $9.99

ARROW

5,000 winter coats

Men / Women / Kids

NAME BRANDS

*Extra small to 5XL

Crazy Prices! $9 to $39

Regularly up to $180

Super Special

Men's Suits

+ Suit
+ Shirt
+ Tie = Only $99

All sizes available

5,000 snowsuits to be liquidated!

12 months to 18 years

All one price $39

Regularly ~~$70.99~~ to ~~$189.99~~

47B BUS FROM YORKDALE SHOPPING CENTRE
(The bus stops at the corner of Caledonia and Cartwright, and we are just 150 feet east of Caledonia)

DECEMBER 4,5,6,7,8

WAREHOUSE HOURS

Thursday & Friday 10 - 8
Saturday, Sunday, Monday 10 - 5

5 DAYS ONLY!

VISA MasterCard AMERICAN EXPRESS Interac PAIEMENT DIRECT

JANO LTD. • 126 CARTWRIGHT AVE., NORTH YORK, ON M6A 1V2 • 416-782-4985

A cracking good time
Have some fun before dinner with these holiday crackers. Available from $9.99 at chapters.indigo.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Holiday Shopping Guide III

All she wants...

#1 Sweet vintage
Visit: homesense.ca
This vintage-inspired children's pedal car ($169.99) is available at HomeSense.

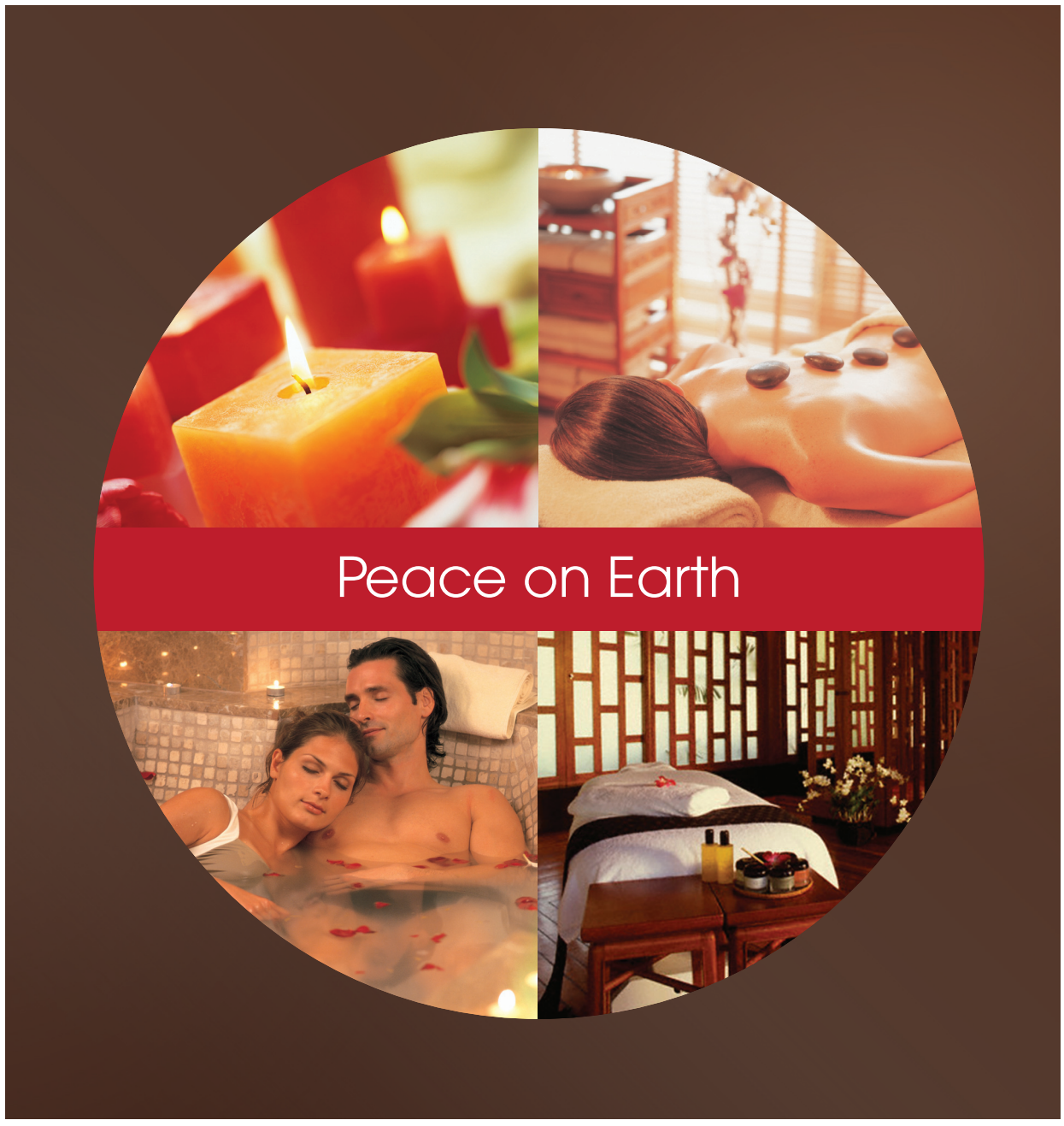
#2 Fuzzy Thomas Bear
Visit: starlightcanada.org
Proceeds from this $20 bear go to the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation.

#3 Tamagotchi returns
At Wal-Mart, Toys R Us, Zellers
Tamagotchi Connection V5 Celebrity Familitchi, $15.99. Colours/patterns vary.

#4 Eco-chic bedding
Visit: GrassrootsStore.com
Organic cotton kids bedding, $60-$240. Made in North America.

#5 Bratz Familiez
Visit: bratz.com
Bratz World Familiez Cloe and Her Sister dolls, $19.99.

#6 Plush Fifi doll
Visit: www.toysrus.ca
This Fifi and the Flowertots Lullaby Plush ($24.99) is at Toys R Us.



Save up to 40% on spa packages and gift certificates.

Sometimes, the greatest gift in our busy world can be the time to unwind and breathe deeply in a quiet place, and be pampered and cared for from head to toe. At WaySpa.com, you'll find treatments, packages and gift certificates **valid at over 150 spas in Toronto**. With savings of up to 40% and convenient shipping and gift wrap options, you'll breathe easy too.

The Smart Way to the Spa
WaySpa.com

Zellers

Help Santa make out his list…

Give the Zellers Naughty or Nice Holiday Gift Card!

This unique, interactive gift card separates the sweet from the sassy with a playful press on the Nice and Naughty indicator, complete with lights and sound.

This is no ordinary gift card: it's the card with a little holiday magic!

Gift Cards are redeemable at:
The Bay, Zellers & Home Outfitters

Visit **www.zellers.com**
for more great gift cards.

everything from A to Z

Treat your feet

These Sneakerballs come in two scents: Power Mint and Fresh Scent. Available at Sport Chek, Mark's Work Wearhouse and Athlete's World, $5.99 for a package of two. Happy Feet Sneakerballs available exclusively at Wal-Mart, $4.97 for a package of two. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Cool toys for boys

#1 BEN 10 Alien Force

At Wal-Mart, Toys R Us, Zellers
DNA Alien Hero Wildvine ($9.99), left, and Swampfire ($5.99).

#2 For the Batman fan

Visit: toyexpress.ca
Dark Knight Stealth Launch Batmobile with missiles, $49.99.

#3 Thomas train set

Visit: chapters.indigo.ca
Thomas the Tank Engine Lift & Load Set, $299 (online exclusive price).

#4 Durable DVD player

Visit: toyexpress.ca
Kid-Tough Portable DVD Player, $170. Can survive drop after drop after drop!

#5 Wooden wheels

Visit: babythoughts.ca
Vilac Yellow Wooden Van, $34.95, and Vilac Mini Red Rally Car, $14.95.

#6 Xbox controllers

Visit: xbox.com
Xbox 360 wireless controllers in blue, $49.99, and red, $64.99.

Great Imaging Gifts

Nikon L18 Navy Only

SAVE $20

The COOLPIX L18 features 8.0 megapixels of imaging power to capture true to life colour and gives the freedom to crop creatively.

$109.00

Nikon S210

SAVE $30

The COOLPIX S210 combines advanced functionality with an elegant design for greater photographic enjoyment.

$139.00

Nikon S60

SAVE $45

The 10.0 megapixel COOLPIX S60 with new ***touch-screen*** operation offers intuitive fingertip shooting control.

$295.00

Nikon P50

SAVE $25

The COOLPIX P50 features a 3.6x Zoom-NIKKOR lens with 28mm wide-angle capability that covers a range from panoramic landscapes to close-up portraits.

$129.00

FREE 2GB HIGH SPEED SD CARD WITH PURCHASE OF LISTED NIKON POINT AND SHOOT CAMERAS

Nikon SB800 Flash

SAVE $40

$355.00

Nikon's powerful Speedlight unit provides incredible lighting flexibility both as a stand-alone Speedlight, wireless commander or remote unit.

Remarkable response, handling efficiency and image quality masterfully blended to deliver the ultimate in Nikon DX-format D-SLR camera performance

Nikon D300

SAVE $300 **D300 Body $1500.00**

SAVE $330 **D300 /w 18-105VR kit $1820.00**

Compact, lightweight telephoto zoom lens with Vibration Reduction

Nikon

SAVE $220

$1280.00

AF VR Zoom-Nikkor 80-400mm f/4.5-5.6D ED

Offering incredible picture quality, advanced built-in dust reduction technologies and a comprehensive set of creative options

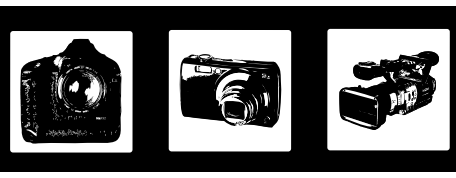
Nikon D60

SAVE $30 **D60 Body $460.00**

SAVE $60 **D60 /w 18-55VR kit $540.00**

SAVE $60 **D60 /w 18-105VR kit $790.00**

WHERE PHOTOGRAPHY LIVES
DOWNTOWN CAMERA
416.363.1749 :: 1.866.223.1618 :: 55 Queen St. East :: Toronto ON :: M5C 1R6



BONUS 2GB SD CARD
with purchase of a Nikon D60 kit

Details in store. Offers valid until Dec 10th 2008. E.&O.E.

We don't know how to gift-wrap hope, but here's a start.

When you buy your holiday gifts at shopsickkids.com, you're not only giving a very special gift to a loved one, you're helping save the life of a child. That's because a portion of proceeds from every product sold will go directly towards world-class research and patient care — so we can continue to make SickKids a place for children to restore their hopes and dreams.

Shower him with gifts
This Gillette gift set ($12.99) includes body wash, shampoo and deodorant. Available across Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Holiday Shopping Guide III

Neat treats

#1 For the man on the go
Visit: shoppersdrugmart.ca
The Real Shaving Co. Travel Kit ($16.99) includes skincare products.

#2 Help stock his bar
Visit: homesense.ca
This golf bag drink shaker set is available for $29.99 at HomeSense.

#3 Smooth moves
Visit: philips.com
This Philips Nivea for Men Shaver ($109.99) features a lotion dispenser.

#4 Wash and wear
Available across Canada.
Old Spice gift set ($10.99) includes Classic Cologne and Classic After-Shave.

#5 For the handyman
Phone: 1-800-544-6986
Visit: blackanddecker.com.com
12-volt Smart Select Cordless Drill, $39.99.

#6 F/P Homme Gift Set
Visit: fruits-passion.com
Gift set ($45) includes shower gel, after shave, body spray and photo box.

McGregor® Socks

WAREHOUSE SALE EVENT

New Yonge Street Location !

SAVE NOW in time for the Holidays!

up to 70% OFF

A Huge Selection of Socks for the Whole Family

Great Brand Names like McGregor, Calvin Klein, Feelgood, Original Happy Foot, Happy Foot Kid's and more...

A one time only chance to get an amazing deal on

Premium Canadian Made Wool Suits, Dress and Casual Pants

Quality Canadian Made Fully-tailored Overcoats in Luxurious Wool & Cashmere Blend

The selection continues with McGregor Underwear, Haggar Dress Shirts, Belts, Loungewear, Robes and More…

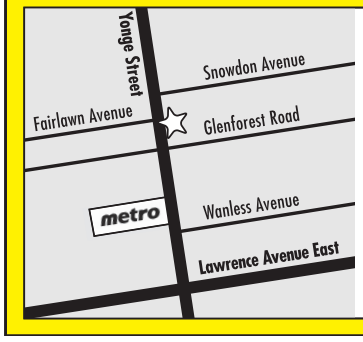
McGregor Socks Underwear · haggar Dress shirts · Happy Foot Socks for the whole family · Calvin Klein socks · VAN HEUSEN Cuff Links · and much more...

Visit shoestringshopping.com for more details

Cut & Save an additional $5.00 OFF*

Socks, Underwear, and Belts

*$5.00 off minimum $50 purchase with coupon. Coupon valid from November 18th, until January 28th 2009



3323 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M4N 2L9
(2 Lights North of Lawrence Avenue)

Hours:
Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Christmas Eve
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Opened until January 28th, 2009

Tel: 416-489-4440

SING-ALONG WITH "MAESTRO HANDEL"
MESSIAH

Bring the whole family!

Sun Dec 21 at 2pm
Massey Hall
Tickets: 416.872.4255
Online: masseyhall.com
Groups: 416.593.4822 x225

Let your voice ring out with 2,700 sing-alongers and guest soloists as a feisty "Maestro Handel" conducts his beloved *Messiah*.

Seating is general admission by voice part and non-singers are welcome.

Concerts Sponsored by AGINCOURT AUTOHAUS Audi

Tafelmusik
Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir
Jeanne Lamon, Music Director | Ivars Taurins, Director, Chamber Choir

30th Anniversary Season Presenting Sponsor Sun Life Financial

Stained Glass Photo: Margaret Fairbrother Garrison

iQS i Quit Smoking CANADA

Act Now Quit For Life

BREAK THE BARS OF YOUR PRISON

- Auricular stimulation using electrical pulse
- Pain-free, quick and natural
- Ongoing support
- Complete personalized care

416-290-0606
www.iqscanada.com

Classic Gift Ideas, For a Classic Time of Year

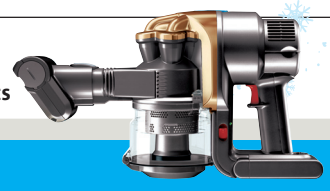
Williams Jewellers
145 Church st. Toronto, 416-368-4861

Unredeemed Diamonds and assorted Jewellery plus more
"...If you don't mind paying less..."

Williams Jewellers

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?
Take Five daily, to find out what your horoscope says.
metronews.ca
metro Do it daily.

All that glitters
This sleek champagne-coloured Dyson DC16 Animal is specifically designed to remove pet hair and other clingy objects from upholstery. Available for $229.99 at Sears, The Bay, Home Outfitters, Future Shop and online at dyson.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES



All I want for Christmas

BY ENZA SUPERMODEL
enza.supermodel.anderson@gmail.com

Leah Miller

Claim to fame: MuchMusic VJ and host of So You Think You Can Dance Canada

GIFT SUGGESTION
Baked goods.

SHOPPING ADVENTURE
It's always an adventure trying to do that last minute shopping right before Christmas. Fighting crowds at the mall is a bad idea!

BEST GIFT RECEIVED & WHY
A garnet cocktail ring from my Grandma Barb.

WORST GIFT RETURNED & WHY
I can't think of one! I've never returned a gift.

HOLIDAY ADVICE
Don't stress about buying presents as the holidays aren't just about that. They're about spending time with family and loved ones.

ENZA SUPERMODEL PHOTO

Mike Holmes

Claim to fame: HGTV's Holmes on Homes

GIFT SUGGESTION
Money. You never go wrong. Money is the perfect gift. If you give them money, they can pick what they want. I've been doing it for years.

SHOPPING ADVENTURE
I go in. I know what I want. I get it. I pay for it and I leave. I'm not one of those people that walk around and look through the crowd. I'm a very focused buyer.

BEST GIFT RECEIVED & WHY
Just being with my kids. I'm the type of person that if I want something, I get it myself. For Christmas, having the kids around, and giving to them is my gift.

WORST GIFT RETURNED & WHY
It would be a sweater. It was from a friend. The sweater was bad enough and was the wrong colour. I would never wear it. I'm not the type to return something. I re-gifted and gave it to someone else.

HOLIDAY ADVICE
Keep smiling. If you don't, it's not going to be a fun experience. Keep smiling.

ENZA SUPERMODEL PHOTO

Elicia MacKenzie

Claim to fame: The TV series How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria followed by the role of Maria in the Mirvish production of The Sound of Music

GIFT SUGGESTION
Something from the heart! Something that reminds you of that person or something you made. Least of all, it'll make someone feel good to know that you actually put time into thinking of them.

SHOPPING ADVENTURE
Never go to the mall unprepared! It's a jungle! I always bring a list of ideas for each person I have to buy for. Otherwise, I'm just wandering aimlessly through a crowd of screaming children and pushy people.

BEST GIFT RECEIVED & WHY
An electric piano! Unfortunately, it's back home in B.C. with my parents.

WORST GIFT RETURNED & WHY
Jumper cables, set # 3. I did leave my car lights on a couple of times ... Hmm.

HOLIDAY ADVICE
Appreciate and spend time with the people you love!

Colin & Justin

Claim to fame: Colin & Justin's Home Heist on HGTV

GIFT SUGGESTION
We adore EVERYTHING by Kiehls. And their candles are particularly awesome. Whatever you buy this Christmas, make sure a Forrest Rain candle is on the list. It's the loveliest, freshest smell you'll ever sniff. We're also massive champagne fiends, and our motto is: "A day without champagne is like a day without sunshine."

SHOPPING ADVENTURE
We went to Times Square in New York a couple of Christmases ago. The lights were awesome and we stayed in a Philippe Starck hotel, which was gorgeous beyond belief. Dominic Monaghan from Lost was there too and he was the sweetest guy ever. He knows a Scottish friend of ours called Stuart and that was a real ice breaker. We partied in Grenwich Village with family and spent so much money on gifts that we had to wire our bank in Britain to bail us out.

Then we missed our flight home and couldn't rebook our hotel as it was, by that point, full. So, we had to call up a friend (with whom we hadn't been in contact for five years) in a suburb called Larchmont and ask if we could stay over. After two awkward nights, we flew back to Britain, then on to Mauritius for our annual holiday. We partied on the beach with Nelson Mandela, who always stays there for New Year's. Fact! We had New Year's lunch with Faye Dunaway to wrap it all up! A gorgeous star-studded holiday period!

BEST GIFT RECEIVED & WHY
We bought each other Chanel J12 watches as Christmas gifts last year. We have matching models in complementary white and black and they are gorgeous! Hey, we've worked hard...

WORST GIFT RETURNED & WHY
We are lucky enough to say that most of our friends know us well enough to give us appropriate gifts! Everyone knows we LOVE LOVE LOVE scented candles (hint!) of any variety so it's difficult to miss the mark!

HOLIDAY ADVICE
Get your shopping done before the crowds go crazy! And eat, drink, and be merry when the party starts! Everything in moderation never hurt anybody! However, never drink and drive and always make sure you have a clean conscience over the holidays. Kick back, relax and start planning those New Year's resolutions!!

New for the holidays
This Winter Berries hand care duo also comes with a ceramic base. This new fragrance from Fruits & Passion is available for $28. For more, go to fruits-passion.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Dreaming of a Blu-ray Christmas

RICK McGINNIS
rick.mcginnis@metronews.ca

Toshiba XD-E300 upconverting DVD player ($129.99)

Toshiba was the loser in the high-def disc wars last year, supporting the (to my eyes, superior) HD-DVD format. They're not willing to run up the white flag and surrender yet, which brings us to the XD-E500, their latest generation of upconverting DVD players, introduced to the market with the assumption that there are enough consumers with DVD libraries out there unwilling to swap them for Blu-ray at notable cost.

The XD-E500 is essentially an upconverting player that allows the viewer control over aspects of image control to give the impression of a sharper, more vivid DVD picture on high-def screens. If you're at all familiar with image editing programs like Photoshop, you'll have no problem understanding how the XD-E500 tweaks sharpness, contrast and saturation to squeeze every bit of juice out of a 480i image upconverted to 1080p. The one major improvement I noticed was the ability of the player to tightly render patterns that would have been jangled, moiré-pattern messes on regular DVD. Be warned — the XD-E500 doesn't put out true HD, but it comes as close as DVD will go, at a very reasonable price.

Panasonic DMP-BD35 ($349.99)

Samsung BD-P1500 Blu-ray player ($299.99)

Sony BDP S350 ($299.99)

As Blu-ray players start bearing down on the magic $200 price point (keep your eyes peeled during Boxing Week), these three

machines will probably end up on somebody's wish list. Since winning the format war, there hasn't been a lot of movement in the basic specs of Blu-ray players, but one major improvement is load time — all three players tested here improved the load time on previous generations of machines, the clear winner being the Sony machine.

Sony was the most improved of all the players — previous Sony machines I've tested have been sluggish, and rejected discs with alacrity, but the BDP S350 was the best performer of the bunch, with the nicest interface and performance.

All three machines feature Ethernet jacks for online firmware updates and possible BD-Live interactivity, which is good to see, since this was often missing on Blu-ray players during the format war.

The Panasonic's main flaw is the load time — the slowest of the three — and the price, which needs to be more competitive. The Samsung is a fine machine, but the review unit I had went through a frustrating series of malfunctions, not recognizing commands from either the remote or the buttons on the unit itself, or throwing up the "Bonus View" icon onscreen with no option to shut it off.

Blu-ray players, from top left: Sony BDP S350, Samsung BD-P1500, and Panasonic DMP-BD35.

LG Scarlet 42LG60 LCD TV ($1,999.99)

The flat panel TV market has reached a sort of plateau of quality, at least when you're shopping for brand name sets — picture quality is uniformly good, even excellent, now that full 1080p is pretty much standard above a certain screen size, and as a result you're likely to be picking a unit based on criterion like features and aesthetics.

In terms of aesthetics, it's hard to beat the LG Scarlet line, and especially the very sculptural 42LG60 unit, with its black lacquer with red accents and the big, backlit circular hole that functions as power button and status indicator. It's not the sort of machine that you'll hide in some home entertainment cupboard — it practically begs to be wall-mounted, especially since the wide lower "chin" adds so much height to its profile.

The picture quality is superb, with a room light sensor that adjusts for ambience, and four HDMI units for gamers.

MEN & WOMEN NEEDED

We are looking for healthy volunteers to participate in clinical studies

You may be financially compensated up to $2500 upon completion of the study

If you are 18 to 55 years old and want to see if you qualify please contact us

416.759.5554
1.866.759.5554
www.pharmamedica.com

PHARMA MEDICA RESEARCH INC.

Christmas is Just Around the Corner!
So Shop Where You get the Best Deals!

Santa's Hat Inn
Reg: $95.00 Sale: $64.95
All Dept 56 35% OFF!

Krups Small Appliances
25% Off All Items!

Mikasa Roxborough
2 Tier Tray
Reg: $60.00 Sale: $24.99

Royal Doulton
Olivia + Loved One
Reg: $330.00 Sale: $149.95

Join us For a Special Swarovski Event December 5 and 6.

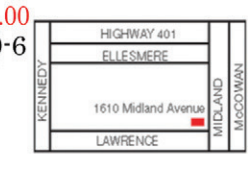
Disney Waterglobes
Mickey, Tinkerbell, Cars, and Princess Castle
Reg: $50.00 Sale: $29.99

Royal Doulton
Christmas Day 2008
Reg: $350.00 Sale: $209.95

Waterford Flute
12 Days of Xmas
Reg: $135.00 Sale: $89.95

All Trinket Boxes
50% Off!

aurora Fine China and Crystal
1610 Midland Avenue, Toronto,Ont.
M1P3C2/ Phone:(416) 752-9300
Free Devlivery in GTA over $95.00
Hours: Mon, Tue & Sat: 10-6
Wed, Thurs & Fri: 10-8/
Sunday: 12-5
1-800-668-3333



Sweet treat
In a festive tin perfect for gift-giving, this PC Fruit Cake with Single Malt Whisky is sure to please everyone on your list. For more, go to presidentschoice.ca. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sounds of the season

BRIAN TOWIE
brian.towie@metronews.ca

THE HITS — and misses — just keep on coming. Last week, Metro reviewed some of the best, and worst, Christmas CDs of the season. But based on the sheer volume of seasonal music, we would be remiss in passing up this opportunity for more.

Tony **Bennett**
feat. The Count Basie Band

Album: A Swingin' Christmas
Label: Sony/BMG
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

His voice reveals a man in his golden years, but Tony Bennett's natural talent for evoking fun and capturing drama in every track he sets his hand to remains evergreen. Jovial big-band arrangements back up Bennett's grandfatherly warmth here, especially on Christmas Time Is Here and My Favorite Things. Superb stuff.

Aretha **Franklin**

Album: This Christmas
Label: DMI Records
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

The greatest singer of all time, according to Rolling Stone magazine, puts the spirit back into the season on her first-ever Christmas disc with strong ensembles, an 11-piece choir and a duet with her son. The 66-year-old Queen Of Soul particularly shines on gospel adaptations such as The Lord Will Make A Way, Angels We Have Heard On High, and Silent Night — as you might expect from a preacher's daughter.

Sarah **Brightman**

Album: A Winter Symphony
Label: EMI Music
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

Brightman puts in a good mix of old and new in this eagerly anticipated followup to her Symphony album. Orchestral backup enhances Brightman's theatrical style on hymns such as Silent Night and Amazing Grace along with modern winter-themed ditties — among them Vince Gill's Colder Than Winter and Neil Diamond's I've Been This Way Before. But does an album really need two versions of Ave Maria?

Beverley **Mahood**

Album: This Christmas Celebrate Me Home
Label: BPM Entertainment
Rating: ⊕⊕

The ex-member of David Foster-produced country trio Lace brings light licks and a saccharine voice to the standards. Mahood doesn't try anything risky or dynamic enough to make this work memorable — which will more than likely end up as part of an inoffensive background soundtrack as the turkey roasts. Meh.

TODAY IS A GOOD DAY TO SURPRISE A FRIEND...
Take Five daily, to find out what your horoscope says.
metronews.ca
metro Do it daily.

on now
Free childcare* Free re-admission
Free seminars Free fashion shows
Nov27-Dec7
oneofakind
Christmas show and sale TORONTO

Dalmation necklace by **Anat Basanta** Booth U-13

where holiday magic begins
Come meet and shop from some of the **800 Canadian artists and artisans** who've been preparing for months creating gifts for you to discover and share – give your holiday spirit a boost.

Walnut bowl by **Ed Herringer** Booth P-26

Coffee cozy by **Jennifer Stevenson** Booth T-3

direct energy centre, exhibition place
Hours Weekdays 11am-10pm, Saturdays 10am-9pm, Sundays 10am-6pm
Admission Adults $12, Seniors & Youth (13-17) $6.50, Children (12 & under) free.
Get tickets at the door or in advance from our website. **Gift Certificates too!**
oneofakindshow.com
PRODUCED BY MMPI CANADA *Some conditions apply.
THE GLOBE AND MAIL CONDOGUIDE NEWHOMES Intuition Plus OeSerres pizza pizza TORONTO LIFE HOUSE & HOME CTV

unicef

If you're going to shop anyway, make it count.

UNICEF cards and gifts are available right in your neighbourhood. Shop today and make a real difference in the lives of children with the things you buy.

Shop for **Cards & Gifts** at UNICEF Kiosks: IKEA – All Stores
College Park Shops – 444 Yonge St.
Yonge Eglinton Centre – 2300 Yonge St.
Scarborough Town Centre – 300 Borough Dr.

Shop for **Cards** at these retailers:

Pier 1 imports RONA (Selected locations) TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES the Bay (Selected locations) Hallmark (Selected locations)

Shop online at **shopunicef.ca** or by phone at **1 888 777-0380**.

Lip locked
These Yes to Carrots lip butters come in Mint, Berry or Carrot flavours. Available for $4.99 at Shoppers Drug Mart, shoppersdrugmart.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Holiday Shopping Guide III

The Get Smart Collection and the Complete Sopranos box set, far right, both by HBO.

Holiday screen gems

RICK McGINNIS
rick.mcginnis@metronews.ca

The big enchiladas

The capo di tutti capi of DVD gift sets this holiday season is undeniably **HBO's Complete Sopranos box** — a bricklike reliquary in funereal black on black, with the discs housed in a hardcover book tightly shrouded in a black felt bag. The whole package is a cross between the archival and the morbid, and the prime special features are spread over two new bonus discs that include dinner chats with creator David Chase and key members of the cast and crew, as well as two fawning interviews with Chase by actor Alec Baldwin, who was never able to fulfill his dream of a role on the show.

The other big box this season is **MGM/Fox's Hollywood Musicals set**, a gaudy marquee-themed package that features 50 musicals from the 30s to the present day. The byzantine world of rights ownership means that most of MGM's signature pre-1952 musicals are missing, so Fox dominates the first of four sections of the box, which includes films like **Babes In Toyland**, **State Fair** and **Moon Over Miami**. The '50s are dominated by Rogers and Hammerstein classics like **Oklahoma** and **The King And I**, and the '60s set features a lot of Elvis movies. The final set, covering the '70s to the present, is a truly mixed bag, though a set with titles like **All That Jazz**, **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** and **Moulin Rouge** can claim to be fairly representative of the era.

Finally, Fox's successor to its landmark Ford At Fox set from last year arrives in the form of **Murnau, Borzage & Fox**, another deluxe box profiling the careers of two directors — F.W. Murnau and Frank Borzage — and studio head William Fox during the transition from silent movies to talkies. Includes the classic Murnau film **Sunrise**, as well as several other rarely-seen but brilliant films from an era unjustly overlooked even today.

The whole thing

HBO has a few big complete season collections this year, including sets for **The Wire** and **Deadwood**. There's not a lot new in The Wire set except for some prequel shorts, but the new box does slim down the show's shelf real estate. The Deadwood collection does the same, but throws in a few new bonus features, including a wander down the streets of the show's main set with creator David Milch, who is clearly unhappy with his show's premature end.

HBO also has a complete **Get Smart collection** with a simple but clever package that requires you to open a set of doors echoing the show's famous title sequence to get to the discs, which are loaded with bonus features, including a rather dark excerpt from star Don Adams' memorial service. Finally, HBO has released a slim collection of **Generation Kill**, the Iraq War miniseries from The Wire creator David Simon, probably the most successful portrait of the conflict made so far.

Looking to dominate the TV box set market, HBO has also released the World War II miniseries **Band Of Brothers** on Blu-ray, which virtually duplicates the earlier DVD offering but integrates several of the special features more seamlessly into the disc menu.

Not new but improved

The **Planet Of The Apes** films have also been given a Blu-ray upgrade in a slipcased set from Fox, which excludes the TV and animated iterations of the franchise contained in the earlier "monkey head" gift set in favour of a reverent look at the 5 Apes films as cultural artifacts of the late '60s and early '70.

The Best Picture Collection from Sony is a grab bag of Oscar-winning titles, from Frank Capra chestnuts like **It Happened One Night** and **You Can't Take It With You** through David Lean's **Lawrence Of Arabia** and **Bridge On The River Kwai** to **Kramer Vs. Kramer** and **Gandhi**. If anything, it proves how much less fun Oscar films have become over the years.

GIFTS CARGO
Order online: www.giftscargo.com
Limited time discount
10% off &
FREE DELIVERY with
$100 or more purchased
CHECK US OUT!
DISCOUNT CODE *UW1155
Gifts for him/her, outdoor living, home decor accessories etc.

FK Laser & Anti Aging Centre
Christmas Specials
Laser Hair Removal
Full Leg $125 Back/Chest $150
Full Arms $75 Bikini $50
Face $50 Underarms $30
Whole Body $300
Anti Aging Services
Photofacial $150
Skin Tightening $250
Skin Resurfacing $300
Get the best value for your money
Make the right choice!!
For free consultation contact:
147 Finch Ave. West | Toronto 416.432.9134 416.730.8035
Mention you're a regular METRO reader and receive a special offer!!

Disney On Ice
PRODUCED BY FELD ENTERTAINMENT
DISNEYLAND ADVENTURE
©Disney ©Disney/Pixar
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT!
DEC. 19-28
ROGERS CENTRE

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.
DEC. 19 7:00 PM	DEC. 20 11:00 AM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	DEC. 21 1:00 PM 5:00 PM	DEC. 22 2:00 PM	DEC. 23 2:00 PM
Wed.	**Thu.**	**Fri.**	**Sat.**	**Sun.**
DEC. 24 NO SHOWS	DEC. 25 2:00 PM	DEC. 26 2:00 PM 7:00 PM	DEC. 27 11:00 AM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	DEC. 28 1:00 PM 5:00 PM

Buy tickets at www.disneyonice.com, ticketmaster® Retail Locations, Rogers Centre Box Office – Gate 7
or call (416) 870-8000
For group information call (416) 341-2255
TICKET PRICES: $15 - $26 - $39
Limited number of Rinkside and VIP seats available. Call for details.
(Service charges, facility and handling fees may apply.)
metro Do it daily. family

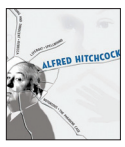
Strategy
Games & Accessories
www.strategygames.ca
Your Source for Games that Make You *Think!*
High quality chess, poker, backgammon sets imported specially for Strategy Games
Monday-Friday: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm • Sunday: Noon - 5 pm
CHESS • BRIDGE • BACKGAMMON • POKER
UNIQUE GIFT ITEMS
701 Mt. Pleasant Rd. (South of Eglinton)
416-486-3395

Juno Nominee
THIS ISN'T SILENCE
Works for Symphony Orchestra
CD Available at
www.briancurrent.com
"Boisterous good fun"
- San Francisco Chronicle
"Intoxicating"
- The Villager (NY)
"Miraculous"
- The Globe & Mail

For your furry friend
This designer doggie T-shirt is available at HomeSense for $39.99. For more, go to homesense.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Holiday Shopping Guide III

The Alfred Hitchcock Premiere Collection from MGM/Fox skips through the director's early career, from his silent debut The Lodger through British talkies Sabotage and Young And Innocent to his early career in Hollywood with Rebecca, Lifeboat, Spellbound, Notorious and The Paradine Case. Packaged in a binder inside a Lucite slipcase, it's more representative than definitive.



Finally, Paul Feig and Judd Apatow's brilliant-but-cancelled series **Freaks And Geeks** has been updated with a clever yearbook-themed package from Shout Factory that collects practically every outtake and screen test left over from the shows short but indelible run on TV in the fall of 1999.

Prize inside!

Several gift sets arrive packaged around collectible items, the best example of which is **Fox's Ray Harryhausen gift set**, which puts an impressively solid figurine of one of Harryhausen's stop-motion creatures together with a DVD set featuring 2-disc sets devoted to three of the sci-fi/monster films he made for Columbia in the '50s.

The Mystery Science Theatre 3000 20th Anniversary Edition set comes in a tin box featuring four exquisitely lousy Z-grade pictures adorned with MST3K's trademark snarky commentary and a figurine of Crow T. Robot. Warner's limited edition reissue of 300 adds an extra disc with an in-depth production documentary and a slipcased book to its big prize — a 3-D lenticular Lucite block featuring a shot from Zack Snyder's film.

Finally, **Sony's complete I Dream Of Jeannie set** comes in a cute but flimsy cardboard bottle with a set of trivia cards featuring facts from the show and interviews with the show's stars.

The Mystery Science Theatre 3000 20th Anniversary set.

Next week's lineup

GIFT GUIDES For a roundup of the best makeup and beauty products, tech gifts and many more gift-giving ideas, pick up Metro's next Holiday Shopping Guide on Dec. 11.

21 shopping days remain before Christmas.

YOU COULD WIN
AN HD PRIZE PACK FROM ROGERS
Go to metronews.ca and tell us the page you found this on for your chance to WIN!

white pear™
Organic, all natural gifts
and gift baskets from $5.99 to $159.99

1 800.351.8708
Order online today www.whitepear.ca

SHOW ONE PRESENTS
AGA-BOOM
THE SOLD OUT BROADWAY SENSATION
COMING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
"PURE FAMILY FUN!" NY Times
Bluma Appel Theatre
December 30.08 - January 3.09
416.366.7723 / 416.870.8000
www.ticketmaster.ca/showone
www.ShowOneProductions.ca

DOWN UNDER
The Official Down Under Warehouse Sale
NEW STOCK ARRIVING WEEKLY • SALE ENDS DEC.7TH! HURRY IN!
GIANT WAREHOUSE SALE
up to 75% off MSRP
BRAND NAME BEDDING & BATH
1 FREE BATH TOWEL
with minimum $40 purchase
limit 1 redemption per customer
VISA MasterCard Interac

Canadian White Down Duvet
Compare $149.99
$69.99 Any Size

Sofa Covers
Compare $59.99
$9.99 from

Queen Mink Blankets
Compare $69.99
$29.99

Olivia Collection
400 Thread Count Cotton Sheet Sets
Compare $89.99
$29.99 Any Size

Down Duvet Blankets
Compare $129.99
$29.99 Queen

X-MAS
Table Cloths, Tea Towels, Placemats & More
$1.99 from

Johnson Home Comforters
Compare $49.99
$14.99 Any Size

2 Pack Pillows
Compare $24.99
$9.99

3 piece Embroidered Towel Set
Compare $19.99
$7.99

Bellismo Sheet Sets
Compare $29.99
$9.99 Any Size

Down Under Duvet Covers
Compare $39.99
$14.99 Any Size

Shower Curtains & Table Clothes
Compare $29.99
$4.99 from

Egyptian Cotton Embroidered Sheet Sets
Compare $69.99
$27.99 Any Size

Tab Top Window Curtains
Compare $49.99
$7.99 Any Size

Bath Towels
Compare $7.99
$1.99

Flannel or Satin Sheet Sets
Compare $59.99
$29.99 Any Size

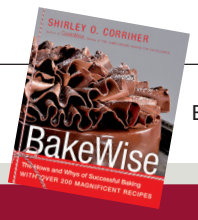
Mattress Pads
Compare $49.99
$19.99 Any Size

DOWN UNDER • 444 YONGE (COLLEGE SUBWAY INSIDE COLLEGE PARK SOUTH END) 416.591.4828
STORE HOURS: MON - SAT: 10AM - 6PM SUN: 12 NOON - 5PM

SCARBOROUGH:
BED & BATH PLUS (INDEPENDENT STORE)
1571 Sandhurst Circle (INSIDE WOODSIDE SQUARE)
416-916-6587

MISSISSAUGA:
BED & BATH PLUS (INDEPENDENT STORE)
1077 North Service Rd. (INSIDE APPLEWOOD PLAZA)
905-276-1867

*Some items may be slightly irregular & may not be exactly as illustrated. ** Not all items available at all locations.



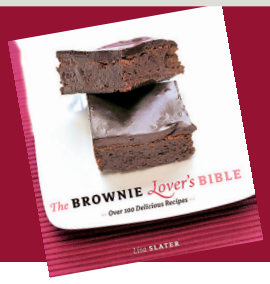
Highly anticipated

BakeWise: The Hows and Whys of Successful Baking by Shirley O. Corriher (Simon & Schuster Publishing, $47) is the only non-Canadian cookbook on this page. Written by the author of CookWise, this follow-up book has been very much anticipated by foodies everywhere. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Food

"Who doesn't like a rich chocolate brownie every now and then?"

Barb Holland/for Metro Canada



A bible

The Brownie Lover's Bible by Lisa Slater (Whitecap Books, $25) features over 100 modern and classic brownie-inspired recipes, taking the brownie to a whole new level.

EDITOR: NINA DRAGICEVIC, NINA.DRAGICEVIC@METRONEWS.CA

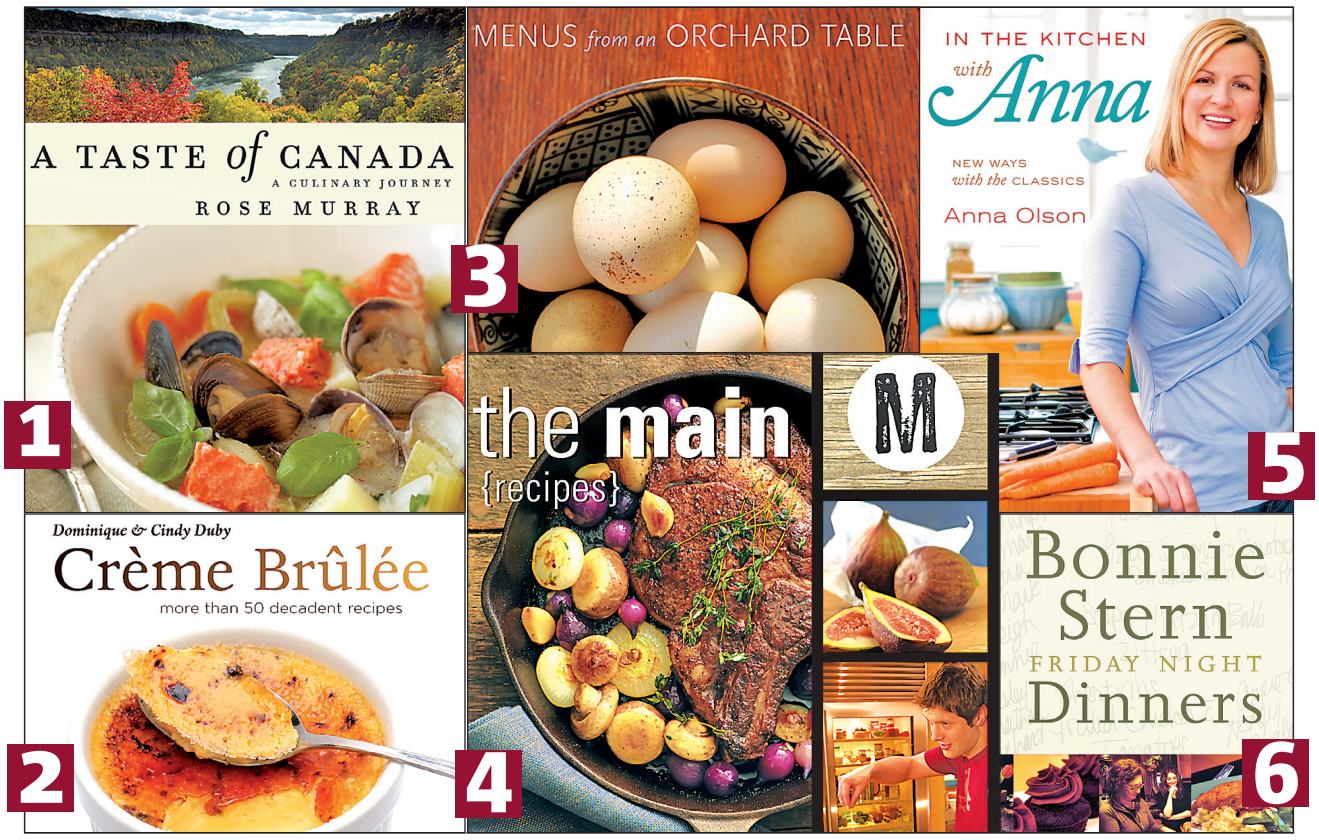
Welcome to the book buffet

À la carte

Barb Holland

Metro Food Writer

Each fall a fresh crop of Canadian cookbooks are produced in time for the big gift-giving season. Despite the economic gloom, there is much to appreciate in our vast country and it has been a productive and bountiful year for cookbook authors. All but one of the books on this page feature homegrown talent.



Cookbooks fall from the sky during autumn — just in time for the gift-giving season. Check out this fresh Canadian talent.

1 A Taste of Canada, A Culinary Journey by Rose Murray (Whitecap Books $35):

This volume shows us just how distinctive Canada cuisine really is and how our land, climate and people shape it.

With beautiful food and landscape photography, it is much more than a cookbook. It is historical, anecdotal, a travelogue and a wonderful read. Here is a lovely coffee table book that will also make it to the kitchen — often.

2 Crème Brûlée: More Than 50 Decadent Recipes by Dominique and Cindy Duby (Whitecap Books $20):

This is an extensive single subject book as it explores the history of crème brûlée; the science of making of crème brûlée; basic ingredients and equipment requirements; the cooking process; sweet and savoury alternatives; and wine pairings.

The Dubys are chocolatiers, chefs, and founders and owners of the acclaimed chocolate atelier and virtual boutique Wild Sweets. If your recipient has a sense of adventure (and humour), give this with a bag of sugar and a mini blowtorch.

3 Menus for an Orchard Table, Celebrating the Food & Wine of the Okanagan by Heidi Noble (Whitecap Books, $35):

This book is a collection of seasonal recipes from Joie Wines and Farm Cooking School's renowned outdoor orchard dinners. The recipes are divided into the courses and matched with regional wines.

4 The Main: Recipes by Anthony Sedlak (Whitecap Books, $30):

This release is the accompanying book to the same named show on the Food Network.

Sedlak chooses one ingredient as the focus for a variety of dishes and creates dinner menus around it. Timing is everything when planning and executing a dinner, so the timing tips for the 45 menus is helpful.

5 In the Kitchen with Anna: New Ways with the Classics, by Anna Olson (Whitecap Books, $30):

Like the one before, this book also accompanies Olson's latest Food Network series, providing refreshing takes on dishes that have stood the test of time. Whether improving the nutritional value of a dish or finding faster ways to create the same flavours, the classics are reinvented with home kitchens in mind.

6 Friday Night Dinners by Bonnie Stern (Random House Canada, $50):

This is the latest cookbook by this well-known Canadian cooking teacher and author. Bonnie celebrates Friday night dinner as the way to start the weekend with menus for every season and occasion, holidays, barbecues, fast suppers and feasts. Bonnie's son Mark took the photographs, providing a very rustic, homey feel, just right for dinners for family and friends.

On the web

Try before you buy?

- For a recipe of Braised Beef with Caramelized Root Vegetables, an excerpt from A Taste of Canada: A Culinary Journey by Rose Murray, visit metronews.ca.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Are you currently experiencing POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION?

Many new mothers experience a brief period of the "postpartum blues" that is considered in the normal range of health and usually ends one week after birth. However, 13% of mothers develop a clinically serious **postpartum depression.**

If you have recently given birth and are experiencing:

- Feeling sad or bouts of crying
- Feeling hopeless or worthless
- Loss of energy and difficulty concentrating
- Feeling unable to cope

You may have postpartum depression.

If you are interested in participating in research on postpartum depression please call
416.535.8501 x1750

camh
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Centre de toxicomanie et de santé mentale

CELEBRATE

Stress-Free Gift Giving

Millcroft Certificates make gift giving EASY!!

They are completely customizable and can include overnight getaways, gourmet dining, relaxing spa services, a specific dollar amount or any combination of the above – making them perfect gift solutions for any budget or occasion.

For details or to make a purchase, call **1-800-383-3976** Toll Free or visit our Online Boutique at **www.millcroft.com**.

Stress-free shopping is just a phone call or mouse click away.

The MILLCROFT INN & SPA
The Definitive Country Retreat

millcroft@millcroft.com • 1-800-383-3976 • www.millcroft.com

Be **Job Ready** in months, not years!
Earn your professional **Diploma!**
Evergreen College

EI, SA & ODSP recipients are welcome

Morning, evening & weekend classes

Pharmacy Technician
Medical Office Admin
Community Service Worker
Early Childcare Assistant
Personal Support Worker
Computerized Accounting & Payroll

Field Placement & Job Assistance included
www.evergreencollege.ca

Ask us about **Bonus Certifications**
Call Now **416 365 0505**
67 Yonge Street 4th Floor (King & Yonge)

You'd expect wines this highly awarded to be pricey.
Yet another expectation we're pleased to exceed.

From $8.95 to $29.95, Jackson-Triggs has wines that are suited to any holiday gathering. Voted Best Canadian Winery an unprecedented 19 times in global competitions, most recently by *Wine Access* and the International Wine and Spirits Competition, London, England, you can be confident you're serving wines of exceptional quality and value. Discover them at LCBO, Wine Rack and our winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Bring on the night.

Please enjoy responsibly. jacksontriggswinery.com

ROSE REISMAN'S personal GOURMET

Food for thought:
Healthy meals
make a great gift
{even for yourself!}

Fresh food delivery service
for as low as $15.50/day*

Give the perfect gift: 3 days of food for only $99.95

* Consecutive days not required. Minimum order applies.

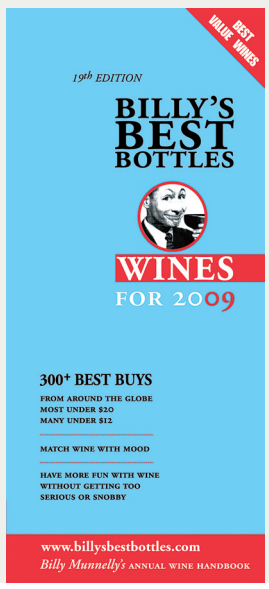
416.721.0560 • personalgourmet.ca

Billy's Best Bottles
To read this week's column on local stars released this Saturday, visit metronews.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES

billy's best bottles
the 2009 release

• Billy Munnelly is pleased to announce the arrival of the 19th edition of his annual wine buying guide.

Billy's Best Bottles — Wines for 2009 is a user-friendly wine book: All of Munnelly's picks are easily found at your local wine store and each is shown with a colour bottle shot. All wines are classified by mood — a novel approach that makes shopping dead-easy. And it retails for less than $20.



A healthy holidays

'Tis the season to eat, but that's no reason to be unhealthy during the holidays.

That's the message of leading Canadian registered dietitian Rosie Schwartz, who says there are simple ways around weight gain and sluggishness typically associated with the holiday season.

Instead of cakey desserts and pastries, try an alternative like antioxidant-rich chocolate bread pudding. Made with whole wheat bread, unsweetened cocoa and soy beverage, chocolate bread pudding is a sweet and satisfying finish to any meal, containing a fraction of the calories and significantly greater health benefits than most decadent delights. Schwartz crafted this delicious recipe:

Chocolate Bread Pudding

For maximum antioxidant content, use chocolate with a minimum cocoa content of 70 per cent. Serves 8.

INGREDIENTS:

• 5 cups (1 L) cubed Dempster's Smart 100% Whole Grain Wheat bread (lightly dried out — leave bread exposed to air for a few hours)
• 3/4 cup (175 mL) granulated sugar
• 2 tbsp (25 mL) unsweetened cocoa, sifted
• 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
• 5 eggs
• 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) DHA-fortified soy beverage, such as So Good Omega DHA or Silk Plus brands
• 2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla extract
• 2 oz (50 g) chopped bittersweet chocolate

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 350°F/180°C. Prepare an 8-cup/2 L baking dish by spraying with vegetable oil cooking spray. Put bread cubes in baking dish. In a large bowl, mix together sugar, cocoa and salt; set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs, DHA-fortified soy beverage and vanilla until well blended. Stir in chopped chocolate. Stir into dry ingredients and mix until well blended. Pour egg mixture over bread cubes and stir until bread is well coated. Bake for 55 to 65 minutes or until a knife inserted in centre comes out clean.

Serve warm or cold.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

gather 'round
on TV
KRAFT what's cooking

one-hour festive tv special

W NETWORK
Sunday
December 7 at 7 p.m.
Encore presentations
from December 13 to 23

sensational celebrations
made easy!

This December, gather 'round with Martin and his special guests. They'll prepare delicious recipes together and share some great ideas for stress-free holiday entertaining with family and friends.
You won't want to miss this party! Visit kraftcanada.com/TV for details.

W is a trademark of W Network Inc.,
© 2008 A CORUS™ Entertainment Company. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

Produced by:
ABX STUDIO
KRAFT kraftcanada.com

Shoppers goes high end
Shoppers Drug Mart is unveiling a new retail boutique, Murale, designed as a one-stop shop for customers seeking beauty advice, spa services and access to global brands such as Bobbi Brown, Chanel, Estee Lauder, Lancome and Nars. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Style

Hutton's hot comeback

At 64, Lauren Hutton is giving the young crop of It models competition in the ad campaign area. In addition to starring in the autumn/winter ads for Mango, Hutton will appear in the campaign for Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen's line, Elizabeth and James. "She's older and she's beautiful, and that is sexy to us," Contactmusic.com quotes Ashley as saying. Hutton also modeled with Mary-Kate in an editorial spread in Harper's Bazaar earlier this year. KENYA HUNT/FOR METRO CANADA

A dash of retro glam

Ladylike pieces that channel '40s and '50s elegance help complete a chic evening look

Cocktail ring, Le Château, $19.95. (For all Le Château items pictured, please check local stores for availability. To find a store location, visit *lechateau.com*.)

Flower pins in leopard, green and purple, Le Château, $18 each.

LAURA LEE FULHAM
for Metro Canada

Black bow clutch, Only Accessories, approx. $50. (Call 416-504-7070 for availability.).

Hibiscus print blouse, Esprit, $74.50 (Available at 1-866-4ESPRIT)

Black wool-blend swing coat, Le Château, $150.

Black T-strap shoes, JLO Exclusively at Town Shoes, $120. (For availability visit *townshoes.com*.)

Pewter metallic belt, Le Château,$29.95.

Black recycled wool skirt, H&M, $69.90 (For stores and availability visit *hm.com*.)

This season, rock a bold, head-turning mouth in fuchsia or red

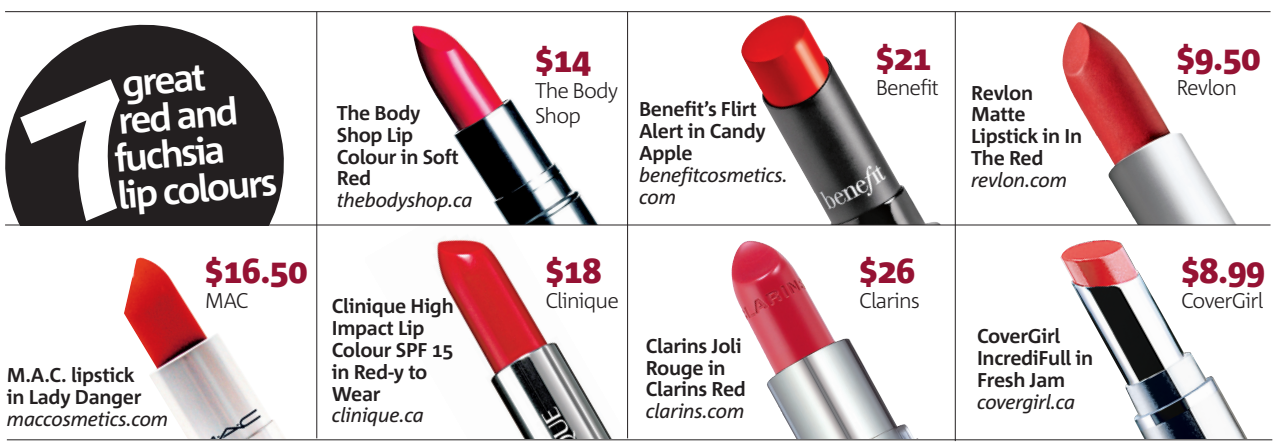
KENYA HUNT
for Metro Canada

In the world of beauty, the cold weather months are all about a bold, head-turning mouth. Red and fuchsia lips popped up all over the runways. So how can one wear the trend without looking overdone?

• **KEEP EVERYTHING ELSE SIMPLE** Obviously the lips are the focus, says says make-up artist Talia Shobrook, who's responsible for Amy Winehouse's cat-eyes.

• **GO EASY ON THE MAKEUP TO AVOID LOOKING "CAKEY"** Foundation should be light and flawless. Instead of brightening the face with blush, just keep the skin dewy. Otherwise, it will look too heavy. And the eyes should be neutral and eyebrows softly defined and filled in, she adds.

• **CHOOSE A MATTE CONSISTENCY** for a younger, cooler look, rather than a glossy or lustrous version.



Unlike most other points cards, we let you book any way you want.

The ALL-NEW TD First Class Travel® *Visa Infinite** Card.
Apply today and get 20,000 Bonus TD Points upon approval.[1]

Visit a TD Canada Trust branch
1-877-483-8056
www.tdfirstclass.com/travel

TD VISA

1. Bonus TD Points will be awarded to the new Account upon approval. Offer applies to new Accounts only. Offer may be changed, extended or withdrawn at any time without notice. Cannot be combined with any other offer. ®Trade-mark of The Toronto-Dominion Bank *Visa International Service Association/Used under license.

Labels and retailers step up charitable efforts

Despite the tough times, fashion labels and retailers aren't shying away from contributing to charitable causes. Marciano is encouraging customers to donate new or gently worn shoes to Soles4souls, while Hugo Boss is raising funds for UNICEF. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stay in with sleepwear and slippers

tip: Before climbing into a bath, fill your bathroom sink with hot water. Then place your body lotion in the hot water. When you get out of your bath, your lotion will be nice and warm. — tipztime.com

Stressed? Take a bath and relax with Soap & Glory's Calm One Calm All double-function formula bubbling bath soak and built-in lotion. Available at Shoppers Drug Mart for $10.

psst... Fierce! Project Runway's fourth season's winner, Christian Siriano, will design his first-ever footwear and handbag collection; available exclusively at select Payless stores across Canada in fall '09.

GRAND OPENING & PRE HOLIDAY
SALE
TRENDS FOR THE HOLIDAY & GIFTS FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

■ Designer Shoes & Bags
■ Fashionable & Trendy Shoes
■ Accessories & much more…

1911 Kennedy Road at Ellesmere (beside the Goodlife Fitness)
■ Hours M-F: 10-8pm SAT: 10-7pm ■ 416.321.0606
■ TRENDS SHOES ■

Style File

Kim Elbo

kim.elbo@gmail.com

ask kim

I'm looking to personalize a gift and would like to get it embroidered. Where can I go to get this done?

Some department stores and home decor stores such as Restoration Hardware offer monogram embroidery for a small price, but they may have a limited selection of styles and fonts. If the store you bought your gift does not offer the service you're looking for, head to an embroiderer or tailor.

E-mail your style questions to *kim.elbo@gmail.com.*

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

Tiered Ruffles
Designer: La Senza
Shop: La Senza
Address: Various locations
lasenza.com

Sweet Stripes
Designer: Spreegirl
Shop: BeautyMark
beautymark.ca

See-through Aqua
Designer: La Vie en Rose
Shop: La Vie en Rose
Address: Various locations
lavieenrose.com

Bootie
Designer: La Vie en Rose
Shop: La Vie en Rose
Address: Various locations
lavieenrose.com

Knit Shoe
Designer: American Eagle
Shop: American Eagle
Address: Various locations
ae.com

Slip-on
Designer: Bonjour Fleurette
Shop: Fine Finds
finefindsboutique.com

Sleepwear

Leave the fireplace on and stay comfy and cozy in bed with these three camisole sets. Like to keep things hot in bed? Search for fabrics like cashmere, wool or cotton to stay warm all night. Finer fabrics like silks will keep you cooler in bed if you like it a little chilly. Remember when you're getting out of bed, you might want to cover up quickly so look out for a dressing gown or a housecoat the next time you're out shopping for sleepwear.

Slippers

We all know how chilly our feet can get during the winter months, and when you're at home it's even worse with hardwood or tiled flooring, so keep warm with slippers. Pamper your pieds with a pair complete with sole padding and thick knits to surround your feet in comfortable socks. Or go for slip-ons for easy access like the Bonjour Fleurette slipper. Look for rubber soles — if you're prone to slipping — and washable versions.

GlobalStyle

Kenya Hunt

Exclusively at metronews.ca/globalstyle

4 DAYS ONLY
Dec. 4th – 7th

OPEN
Thursday Dec. 4, 10 - 6pm
Friday Dec. 5, 10 - 6pm
Saturday Dec. 6, 10 - 6pm
Sunday Dec. 7, 10 - 4pm

PICADILLY Fashions
FACTORY OUTLET
UP TO 80% OFF
40,000 SQ FT WAREHOUSE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
MOST ITEMS UNDER $20

N
Keele st. Wilson Ave Dufferin st.
945 Wilson Avenue
Toronto, On.
Tel: 416-783-1889
www.picadillyfashions.com
www.svetlanafashions.com

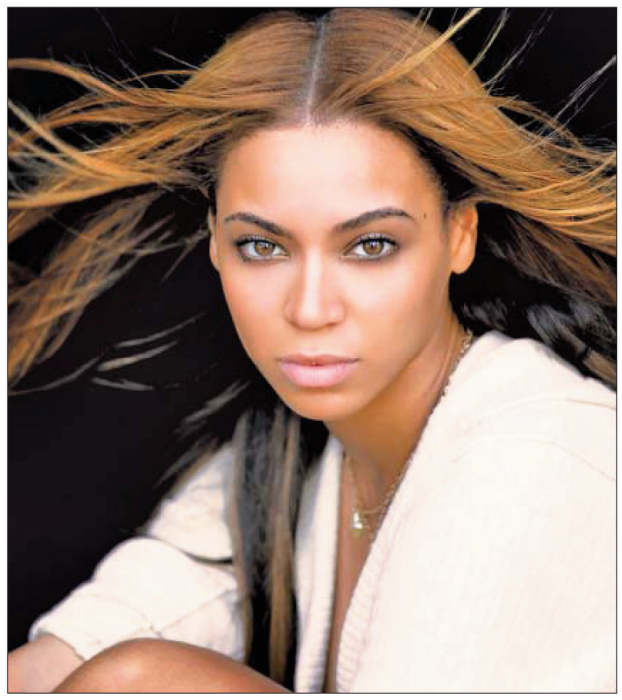
FACTORY WAREHOUSE BLOW OUT SALE
Designer Fashions - Bridesmaid - Mother of the Bride - Casual Comfort Wear - Business Attire - Evening Wear- Boutique Styling

ELLE CANADA

ELLE Canada on sale now!
Check out our Astrology Special, only in the January issue of ELLE Canada!
STYLE CONTENT BY ELLE CANADA, SEE MORE AT: **ellecanada.com**

Elle Canada

Super Star



PETER LINDBERGH

Singer/actress Beyoncé is back with a hit album, a mega-world tour and two movies. Phew!

By **KAREN BLISS**
Contributing Writer

Beyoncé has been cooped up for hours in a tiny, cramped room at AMV studios in Manhattan doing interviews for her new double CD, I Am...Sasha Fierce. It's a little after 7 p.m. and the Texas beauty — who lives in New York with her husband, hip-hop mogul Jay-Z — admits to feeling "a little" exhausted after hours of talking about herself. She may be tired, but the 27-year-old singer looks radiant in an emerald-green Zac Posen dress. She isn't wearing her $5 million wedding ring, but the large jewelled Lorraine Schwartz earrings provide just enough dazzle.

On Beyoncé's latest offering, we get a tantalizing glimpse into the singer's split identity.

"Sasha Fierce is the person you see on stage, who performs like this fearless, wild, out-of-control beast!" says Beyoncé, and laughs. "So, if you're in the mood to be fearless, sassy and sexy, you listen to Sasha Fierce; when you're in the mood to really think about your life, your emotions, and your relationships, you put on I Am...."

She says the split-album concept came to her after she played Etta James in Cadillac Records, which will be released this month. "I feel like I'm at a place where I've paid my dues and shown everyone that I'm someone who has staying power in this biz. When I listened to all the music I thought, 'How am I going to narrow all these songs down?' And I realized that it was two albums' worth of songs."

EDITORS' PICK

EYE SPY Devotees of designer shoe label Jimmy Choo can now get the luxe look from head to toe with its new line of sunglasses. Highlights include '70s- and '80s-style tortoiseshell and a wide choice of colours inspired by nature in both optical and supersized styles ($340 to $500 for sunglasses; at select high-end eye specialists across Canada).

KEY PLAYER

You don't need to be on a waiting list to get your hands on this Kelly. Named after the coveted Hermès handbag, the latest incarnation of Kelly Calèche is a twist on the original floral-leather eau de toilette. The precious, pure perfume — with notes of rose and jasmine — stays safely under lock and key in its padlock-shaped refillable bottle.

Hermès Kelly Calèche Parfum Spray ($215 for 7.5 ml)

GILT TRIP Metal mania shines!

Silk-bead necklace with sequins, Hoss Intropia ($195, 1-877-281-2399)

Metallic leather sandals, MICHAEL Michael Kors ($158, 1-866-733-5677)

Metallic leather clutch, By Malene Birger ($495, 1-877-281-2399)

Silk dress ($90, at Zara)

Rhinestone and metal cuff ($119, at Winners)

Slim brocade pants, Badgley Mischka ($448, *www.badgleymischka.com*)

Silk top, Designers Remix Collection by Charlotte Eskildsen ($110, *www.ponyride.ca*)

STUDIO ANDRÉ DOYON

GOLD STANDARD

The markets may be crashing, but beauty is having a gold rush. Seen at Dolce & Gabbana, gold eyeshadow looked fresh paired with crimson lips. But this season's take isn't over-the-top like Wall Street CEO salaries — think subtle shimmer rather than chunky glitter. To get that 24-karat look, invest in a lipgloss or an eyeshadow with a hint of sparkle.

Chanel Le Vernis Nail Colour in Gold Fiction ($31)

Linden Leaves Gold Mist ($33.95)

Benefit Sexy Gold Lipstick ($36 for a three-piece set, including eyeshadow and a makeup bag)

60% off flights to Quebec City.

Two non-stop daily flights.

from $79 Quebec City

Book by December 9, 2008 for travel until February 28, 2009.*
Book now at **westjet.com** or **1 800 538 5696.**
Or call your travel agent.

Aéroport international Jean-Lesage de Québec
Québec City Jean Lesage International Airport

WESTJET
BECAUSE OWNERS CARE

*Book by December 9, 2008 (11:59 p.m. MST) for travel until February 28, 2009. Blackout dates are from December 18, 2008 - January 4, 2009. Seats at these fares are limited and may not be available on all flights. Advertised fares already reflect the discount. Discount is applied to WestJet lowest regular fare. Taxes, fees and surcharges are extra where applicable. New bookings only. Advance purchase required. 100% non-refundable. Offer combinable with other fares. Flights may not operate on certain days. All fares shown are one way. See westjet.com for details.

Heidi and Spencer want to start a family

The Hills stars Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt say they plan to start a family — just weeks after they married in a secret ceremony in Mexico. The pair, who have been dating since 2006, exchanged vows while on vacation in Cabo San Lucas. **IMDB.COM**

Entertainment

The greatest

Brad Pitt's enigmatic Fight Club anti-hero Tyler Durden has been crowned the Greatest Movie Character of All Time by Empire magazine.

IMDB.COM

EDITOR: TINA COSTANZA, TINA.COSTANZA@METRONEWS.CA

Britney morphs into Madonna

MusicReviews

music@metronews.ca

Neil Young

Album: Sugar Mountain, Live at Canterbury House 1968
Label: Reprise/Warner
Rating: ◍◍◍◍◍

THIS IS A HAPPIER, more innocent Neil Young than the slow-talking introvert we heard on the 1971 Massey Hall concert that was released last year as part of his performance series. Here, he's laughing with the crowd, exchanging jokes, riffing on Classical Gas and telling wild stories about getting fired from a Coles bookstore for eating little red diet pills. Recorded in gleaming two-track stereo (voice on left, guitar on right), the 14 songs are drawn mainly from his underappreciated self-titled debut — the concert was recorded at an Ann Arbor coffee house the week of its release. There's also a few Buffalo Springfield classics, like Out of My Mind, Mr. Soul, and Nowadays Clancy Can't Even Sing. True Neil Young fans will go gaga for the title track, his boyhood ode to Sugar Mountain, as well as the surrealist saga, Last Trip To Tulsa and the beautiful, but rarely heard, Old Laughing Lady.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Akon

Album: Freedom
Label: SRC/Universal
Rating: ◍◍◍½

JUST WHEN FANS have come to expect hit-making hip-hop from Atlanta-based rapper Akon, the controversial musician has gone euro-pop. That's right — on his third record Akon employs a bevy of synths, disco beats and an auto-tuned, pitch perfect voice that does far more singing than rhyming. It's not a bad move for the R&B star — the tunes are catchy, relaxed and, most importantly, different than what he's done before. Some of the lyrics, which are mostly about love, are over the top, but it's still a solid effort for this now veteran performer.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Britney Spears

Album: Circus
Label: Jive/Sony
Rating: ◍◍◍½

THE WORLD IS certainly a very freaky place. First Michael Jackson morphed physically into Diana Ross. Now, Britney Spears is morphing musically into Madonna. Maybe there was some kind of tongue-to-tongue gene transference in that liplock Madonna threw on Britney a couple of years back. With the aid a phalanx of producers armed with the latest computer gadgetry to bolster her otherwise limp voice, Britney has managed to put together a decent pop/dance album. It's not as good as last year's surprising Blackout released when Brits was still loony as two sackfuls of cats. But no one cared to listen back then, so this will probably be praised as Britney's greatest album ever, further contributing to the bizarre reconstruction of this troubled pop star into the heiress of the Material Girl's legacy. Ugh. She's even dressing like her.

Graham Rockingham /for Metro Canada

Los Campesinos!

Album: We Are Beautiful, We Are Doomed
Label: Arts & Crafts
Rating: ◍◍◍◍

AS IF THE HYPER shout-fests and messy pop squeals that marked last April's Hold On Now, Youngster weren't enough. Some eight months later — you read that correctly! — a follow-up arrives that stabilizes said hyperactivity but maintaining a no-less-frenetic pace. Cramming every nook and cranny with a better organized mix of violins, guitars and glockenspiel, Gareth, Aleksandra et al barrel through 10 diary-like entries of an energetic youthful existence filled with equal parts lyrical romanticism and sarcasm.

Ian Nathanson/for Metro Canada

The Bronx

Album: The Bronx III
Label: White Drugs/Distort
Rating: ◍◍◍½

THINK EARLY GUNS N' ROSES epitomized the dark underbelly of Los Angeles? One listen to the larynx-tearing primal screams of Matt Caughthran and his no-frills punk rock backers from L.A. might change your view. Although the third self-titled outing often veers towards the hard-rock bite of a melodic Motörhead, there's still some Black Flag-like brute force that lingers throughout. After 34 minutes, you'll either feel cathartic or resist all urges to shout back ever again.

Ian Nathanson/for Metro Canada

Rivers Cuomo

Album: Alone II
Label: ADGC/Universal
Rating: ◍◍◍½

LAST YEAR RIVERS CUOMO, the conflicted Weezer frontman, gave fans a treat — a collection of unreleased demos. Well, now he's giving us more. The second installment in his "Alone" series offers up another batch of loose, somewhat lo-fi tracks that actually rival any of his band's more recent albums. Unlike some demo discs, this doesn't show Cuomo experimenting — it's got all the fuzzy downstrokes and layered harmony that's made him popular. The best part isn't the tunes, though, it's the Harvard grad's relaxed, playful demeanor. If only he was having as much fun in his day job.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Polanksi asks for charges dropped
Filmmaker Roman Polanski has filed a request asking a judge in Los Angeles to dismiss child-molestation charges against him, 30 years after he fled the U.S. to escape prosecution. IMDB.COM

Hoping for magic

J.K. Rowling's highly anticipated next book hits shelves today

Recession-hit booksellers are hoping for a boost from a new book by Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling.

The Tales of Beedle the Bard a collection of five fables mentioned in Rowling's saga about the boy wizard, is being published around the world today, with only a fraction of the carnival-like fanfare that greeted the Potter novels.

But expectations are high for the new book, which has a global print run of eight million copies.

"We expect it will crash straight in at No. 1 in our book charts," Jon Howells, of Britain's Waterstone's book store chain, said yesterday.

"It would take a battle of magical proportions to dislodge it before Christmas."

The book's print run sounds enormous until you compare it with the Potter books. The final volume, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows sold eight million copies in its first 24 hours and had a print run of 12 million in the United States alone.

DIANE BONDAREFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of seven original copies of The Tales of Beedle the Bard, created, handwritten and illustrated by J.K. Rowling.

Retailers are not expecting the new book to generate the frenzy that accompanied publication of Deathly Hallows in July 2007, when fans dressed as witches and warlocks formed festive crowds outside book stores around the world.

But the day before publication, Beedle the Bard was ranked No. 1 on Amazon's British and U.S. websites.

The Internet retailer is printing 100,000 copies of a leather-bound collectors' edition priced at 50 pounds and expects them to sell out.

Rowling is launching the book today with a tea party for local school children at the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh, where she lives.

Rowling is donating her royalties to the Children's High Level Group, a charity she co-founded to support institutionalized children in Eastern Europe.

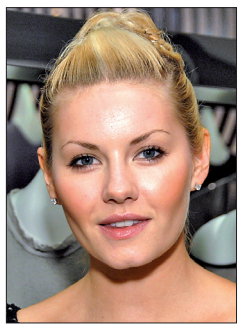
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elisha Cuthbert, Coca Rocha to appear in new Project Runway Canada

REALITY TV Actress Elisha Cuthbert, fashion model Coco Rocha and designer Wayne Clark will be among the celebrity guests appearing on the new season of Project Runway Canada.

The stylish reality show, in which burgeoning fashion designers compete in weekly challenges, returns Jan. 27 with an all-new season on Global.

Supermodel Iman returns as host and fashion designer Brian Bailey will again act as mentor.



Elisha Cuthbert

Meanwhile, Elle Canada's Rita Silvan and Bustle Clothing's Shawn Hewson will return as resident judges as the show moves from Toronto to Ottawa.

Fourteen wannabe fashionistas include four contenders from Toronto, three from Vancouver, two from Montreal, as well as designers from Calgary, Winnipeg, Hamilton, and the Ontario communities of LaSalle and Barrie.

The winner of Project Runway Canada gets a cover and feature spread in Elle Canada, a professional photo shoot, a business mentorship with Winners and $100,000 to start their own fashion line.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Entertainment in brief

JAIL Amy Winehouse's husband Blake Fielder-Civil is being sent back to prison, just one month after he was released into rehab, People.com reports his lawyer as saying. "I can confirm he has been recalled," says Fielder-Civil's lawyer Kate Anderson, declining to state the reason. A source close to Fielder-Civil tells People that he failed a drug test. The 26-year-old, who was sentenced to 27 months on charges of assault and attempting to pervert the course of justice, had been in rehab as part of his early release from jail. Anderson tells People that "you then serve the remainder of the sentence" — meaning he would remain in jail until 2010. The U.K.'s Sun newspaper also reports that Fielder-Civil ran away from the rehab facility.

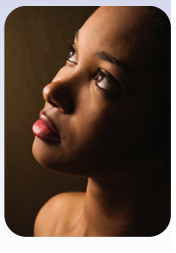
METRO NEWS SERVICES

ARE YOU BETWEEN 14 & 19 YEARS OLD?
You are proud of your personality? You believe in social solidarity?
You want to invest your time and energy and share your artistic talent?
You are dynamic and capable to fulfill personal and group social projects?
Miss Teen Ambassadors of Canada 2009/2010 is for you!
Register online now at www.productionscjac.com
416-622-2772/514-795-9601

COAST TO COAST
Pick-up your Metro daily!
metro
Do it daily.

A Sony Centre presentation
SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR
Special 'African Spirit' Christmas Program!
DEC. 17 & 18, 2008 8PM MASSEY HALL
$18-$78 at Roy Thomson Hall | 416-872-4255 | masseyhall.com ticketmaster.ca
PRESENTED BY VOICE of the GTA TORONTO STAR thestar.com

Do you or someone you know suffer from
Frequent MIGRAINES?
If you experience 3 or more migraines/month you may qualify for an important clinical research trial of an investigational medication.
Qualified participants will receive at no cost :
• Thorough evaluation by a physician
• Blood tests
• A review of preventative therapies
• Financial reimbursement for study-related expenses
PrimeHealth Clinical Research Organization
Iris Gorfinkel, M. D.
1849 Yonge Street Suite 516 (@ Davisville Subway)
(416) 486-8444 ext. 1
All messages returned within 1 business day...or drop by!



YAHOO! CANADA LIFESTYLE
Everything about life, updated every day.
Home + Garden | Health + Fitness | Fashion + Beauty | Family + Relationships | Food + Entertaining

UPDATE YOUR ROOM ON A DIME

We've got inexpensive fixes for every room that won't torpedo your budget. It's easy to make simple improvements that look like they were done by a pro.

Kitchen – The kitchen is one room that can take a lot of colour, so take a cue from the Europeans and paint your walls. Update the sink with an elegant goose-neck faucet, or buy new breakfast stools or a rolling butcher block. Stash appliances in cupboards and leave out one statement piece: a vintage breadbox, an old-fashioned scale or a trio of quirky tins.

Living Room – New window treatments can be more economical than you think. Look into ready-made panels that can be customized by ironing on a grosgrain border with fusable tape in an accent colour. If you are handy with a sewing machine, buy yardage at inexpensive discount fabric stores and make them yourself.

(continued online...)

To read more, visit lifestyle.yahoo.ca

Keanu being chased for third Speed movie

Movie executives at 20th Century Fox are reaching out to Keanu Reeves to reprise his Jack Traven character for a third Speed film, according to Internet reports. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrities flock to Obama

President-elect's January inauguration likely the hottest ticket of 2009

The Super Bowl? Forget it. The Oscars? Who cares. The biggest star-studded event on the horizon is president-elect Barack Obama's inauguration.

The gig of 2009 will take place Jan. 20 on a wintry field in Washington.

"Jan. 20 is going to be ground zero for everyone who wants to be part of this celebration, and that's going to include boldface names and A-listers from Oprah on down," said Roxanne Roberts, co-author of the Washington Post's column The Reliable Source. "On that particular weekend, this is where the action is."

Details on official inauguration events are scant so far, though prominent Obama supporters like Winfrey, Bruce Springsteen and will.i.am are widely expected to be involved.

In the last century, entertainers have made indelible marks on presidential inaugurations and often helped set a tone for a new era.

Mickey Rooney performed at all four of FDR's inaugurations. Robert Frost read a poem for John F. Kennedy in 1961. Bill Clinton was ushered in with a parade of performers in 1993, including Maya Angelou.

Any announcements on Obama's official performers is "a ways down the road," said Linda Douglas, a spokeswoman for Obama's Presidential Inaugural Committe.

Of course, a bevy of music stars are expected to perform.

Obama has been measured of his embrace of Hollywood and celebrities. That's in part because during the election Obama, himself, was compared to Paris Hilton and Britney Spears by his Republican challenger, Senator John McCain.

Obama argued with the "celebrity" tag and seldom appeared in public with stars. Beyonce Knowles earlier announced her eagerness to participate: "I'm there. I can't wait. I feel like all of us, we're ready to do whatever we have to do. If they need me to volunteer, they need me to sing, I'm there and I'm ready." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A long list of celebs, including Oprah, are expected to attend Barack Obama's inauguration celebration in January.

"I'm there. I can't wait. I feel like all of us, we're ready to do whatever we have to do."
Singer Beyonce Knowles

Filmmaker sued for allegedly stealing material from play

COURT Tyler Perry went to court to face allegations that he stole material from someone else for his blockbuster film Diary of a Mad Black Woman.

Donna West is suing the actor-screenwriter for copyright infringement in U.S. District Court and wants a jury to award her family all profits made from the film.

"I can't put my play on because the stories are basically the same and nobody wants to see that again," she said.

West testified Tuesday that she developed a script titled Fantasy of a Black Woman based primarily on her own experiences.

With West in the starring role, jurors heard the play was performed in July 1991 at the Junior Black Academy of Arts and Letters at the Dallas Convention Centre.

Perry's movie, which earned some $50 million, came out in 2005.

Jurors on Tuesday watched the film and listened to a reading of the script from West's play.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian pair of artists take home coveted $25,000 prize

HONOUR Artists Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller are winners of this year's $25,000 Hnatyshyn Foundation Visual Arts Award, it was announced this week.

Cardiff and Miller have worked as artists, singly and in tandem, since the 1980s. They live and work in Grindrod, B.C., and Berlin, Germany.

In 2001 Cardiff and Miller became the first Canadian artists to win the prestigious Venice Biennale Special Award for their installation The Paradise Institute.

In the same year the National Gallery of Canada gave Cardiff the Millennium Prize for her solo work Forty-Part Motet.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Italian Jewellery
Sample Sale

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
30% - 50% OFF!

Distributor of fine italian contemporary gold and diamond jewellery opens its doors to the public for the very first time
DECEMBER 11TH - 14TH ONLY!
Contact Tanya by Monday, December 8TH to receive an additional 5% OFF your entire purchase!
jewellerysamplesale@gmail.com
or call 416.227.9110

Thursday & Friday Dec. 11-12 10am-8pm
Saturday Dec. 13 11am-6pm
Sunday Dec. 14 11am-3pm

Join us for complimentary warm egg nog, hot chocolate, and delicious cookies and treats as you shop for your holiday gifts!

4576 YONGE STREET - SUITE #200
TORONTO, ON M2N 6N4
Subway accessible. Just south of Yonge & Sheppard

Dental Hygiene
Start your Career in Dental Hygiene
Programs available:
- Dental Hygiene
- Paralegal
- Dental Assistant Level I,II
- Community & Social Services
- Network Administration & Security (Cisco & Microsoft Cert.)
Davisville Subway Stop
For details, visit www.yorkvillecollege.com
YORKVILLE College of Professional Studies
Call Today 647-288-8129
Financial Assistance Available for qualified applicants

YOU COULD WIN A FRED CLAUS PRIZE PACK!
© 2008 Warner Bros Entertainment Inc. All rights reserved.
COLLECT ALL 4 PICTURES FROM FRED CLAUS AND YOU COULD WIN!
Mail all 4 pictures from Fred Claus with your name, age, mailing address and telephone number to:
Fred Claus Metro Contest
1 Concorde Gate, suite 703
Toronto, ON M3C 3N6
Buy it now on DVD and Blu-ray!
metro Do it daily.
No purchase necessary. Movie is rated G. One entry per person. Contest open to Canadian residents of legal age, excluding residents of Quebec. Contest closes December 12, 2008. Odds of winning depend on number of entries received. If you miss a piece and for full contest rules and details, visit www.metronews.ca.

Metro Supports Give Girls A Chance!
Educate a Girl. Change the World.

Find out why, whether it's on native reserves in Canada or in Third World country villages, educating girls is the key not only to economic growth, better health and prosperity but our best bet in the battles against terrorism and AIDS by visiting:
www.givegirlsachance.org

Thanks for your part in making the world a better place by educating girls.
metro Do it daily.

Fanning has no regrets
Dakota Fanning says she's glad she sacrificed a normal childhood to pursue her career. IMDB.COM

Madonna meets with Argentinian prez and former guerilla hostage

Madonna met with a president and a former guerrilla-held hostage Tuesday at Argentina's presidential palace, where she filmed Evita 12 years ago.

AP PHOTO

Madonna talks with Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez.

The pop star, in Buenos Aires on the Latin America leg of her Sticky & Sweet world tour, showed up early for a visit with Argentine President Cristina Fernandez — who was then meeting with one of the world's best-known ex-hostages.

Former Colombian presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt was freed in July after being held more than six years in jungle camps by leftist rebels from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

She was visiting Argentina to thank its government for working to free hundreds of other hostages left behind.

Fernandez brought Madonna and Betancourt together for a brief meeting that was closed to the press.

The trip marks Madonna's third visit to Buenos Aires.

In 1996 she played Eva Peron, the first lady of Argentina from 1946-52, in Evita.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bob Geldof tours Winnipeg, gets key to city

AWARD Musician and activist Bob Geldof is on a whirlwind tour of Winnipeg. Geldof is in town to accept an international humanitarian award from a hospital.

He's also getting the keys to the city in a ceremony.

Geldof is the former lead singer of The Boomtown Rats but is best known as the organizer of the 1985 Live Aid concert for African famine relief.

He formed the makeshift group Band Aid which raised millions with its single Do They Know It's Christmas?

Geldof was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1986.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nicholson and cast of others inducted into Hall of Fame

Jack Nicholson will be inducted into the California Hall of Fame in Sacramento on Dec. 15. The actor will be joined by a list including Jane Fonda, musicians Dave Brubeck and Quincy Jones, and fitness guru Jack LaLanne. IMDB.COM

Mall santas, sick reindeer join traditional holiday TV

Those settling in for TV viewing over the holidays will find no shortage of seasonal fare to warm the heart.

Traditional favourites on the schedule include Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, A Charlie Brown Christmas, It's a Wonderful Life and A Christmas Carol — but there are also plenty of Canadian offerings, ranging from cheer-filled carolling and sweet family dramas to an expose of mall Santas.

Holly Cole, Ed Robertson, Hawksley Workman and Mary Margaret O'Hara belt out classic and contemporary songs on Bravo's Christmas at the Concert Hall on Dec. 9.

The show includes Robertson's rendition of the Barenaked Ladies tune Green Christmas and a rousing group singalong on Santa Claus Is Coming to Town.

Then there's a new Rankin family special, The Rankin Family Reunion, airing Dec. 12 on CTV, in which the Cape Breton clan reunites to sing its favourite songs.

Jimmy, Raylene, Heather and Cookie perform their hits, while Molly Rankin, daughter of the late John Morris Rankin, makes a guest appearance.

For those looking for something a little different, Global explores the world of mall Santas on Dec. 18 with an hour-long documentary that profiles three men who don red suits and turn themselves into Kris Kringle each year.

Family fare

- Families can gather round for the feature about one sick reindeer, Donner Down on CMT on Dec. 15.
- There's also An Avonlea Christmas, airing Dec. 11 on A Channel. When she suddenly collapses during the holidays, Hetty King is hospitalized and re-evaluates her relationships.

Mall Santa features Santa Bernie, who finds himself suddenly without a gig after playing the role for 50 years.

"Santa Claus cannot be out of work," the white-haired impersonator moans early on. "That hurts man, it really does."

More traditional fare comes by way of CBC variety specials like the annual Holiday Festival on Ice, featuring skaters Jamie Sale, David Pelletier and world champion Jeffrey Buttle. Check out their leaps and feats as they skate to live performances by fiddler Natalie MacMaster in Halifax on Dec. 28. The next day, CBC features Cirque du soleil's acrobatic show Kooza.

Also in the festive spirit is Ottawa comic Jon Dore, who just wrapped up shooting a Christmas special for the new season of The Jon Dore Television Show.

But Canadians won't be able to see it for a few months.

"St. Patrick's Day," Dore says when asked when his Christmas episode will air. "People need Christmas year-round, it's very important."

Dore is not kidding — the odd scheduling of his second season, debuting Jan. 21, means his holiday episode will land on the air in the spring.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Apartment Finder

To advertise, call Ian March, 416-486-4900 Ext. 232

Rent Toronto's Best Subway Locations!
Minto Roehampton
Condominium lifestyle rentals now available at Yonge & Eglinton
150 Roehampton
Studio - from $1,199
1 Bedroom from $1,499
1 Bedroom + Den from $1,659
2 Bedroom from $1,979
2 Bedroom + Den from $3,699
Visit our Rental Centre at: 150 Roehampton Ave
416-246-2926
rentminto.com

EGLINTON-KIPLING
2 Bdrm from $1145
Near TTC, 427, airport, shopping, C/AC avail, prkg, rec centre, security.
Inquire about Move-in Bonus
Apply 1450 Kipling,
S.W. of Eglinton 416-231-2003
Mon-Thurs. 11-7, Friday-Saturday 10-4
www.princessmgmt.com

FACING DUNDAS WEST SUBWAY STATION
Bachelor from $749
1 Bdrm from $959
A/C / Indoor Pool / Indoor Mall Management On-site
24hrs security / Utilities Incl.
2340 Dundas St. West
416-532-3331

Have A Place For Rent ?
Place a "Classified Ad" for just $10
Find a tenant on our "Message Board"
Looking To Rent ?
Place a Free Ad on our "Message Board"
Search through 1,000's of Listings
TorontoRentals.com

Effective and cost effective.
To advertise in Metro's Apartment Finder, call Ian today!
416-486-4900 ext. 232
metro Do it daily.

Rent Toronto's Best Subway Locations!
High Park Village
Bloor St. West & High Park Ave.
• Steps to Subway right at High Park station
• Floor to Ceiling Windows
• Full facility Rec. Centre with Indoor/Outdoor Pools
• Onsite Resident Services Centre
Studio from $1018
1 Bedroom from $1,159
1 Bedroom Deluxe from $1,309
2 Bedroom from $1,621
3 Bedroom from $2,152
Town Homes from $2,650
Visit our Rental Centre at: 65 High Park Avenue
416-507-7707
rentminto.com

TRAIN YOUR BRAIN.
Workout your brain daily, with Metro's Take Five.
metro Do it daily.

Service Directory

To advertise, call Ian March, 416-486-4900 Ext. 232

FINANCIAL

METRO PAYDAY LOANS
Approval Over The Phone
Same Day Service
Cheque Cashing *Some Locations
$200 - $800
416-667-0077
www.metropaydayloans.com

MORTGAGES
1st & 2nd Mortgages
Debt Consolidation
*Low Rates, *No Fees
Bad Credit Welcome
*CREDIT APPROVED
*terms and conditions apply
www.mortgagegenie.org
416-667-9834

A DEBT PROPOSAL
may be better than bankruptcy
Let us help you regain Financial Control with a FREE CONSULTATION
For immediate assistance call:
(416) 967-6772
Stern Cohen Shier Inc.
Proposal Administrators/Trustee in Bankruptcy
Toronto, Etobicoke, Woodbridge, Scarborough

NEED A LOAN?
Bankrupt, Proposal or Past Bad Credit?
PFS Loan Centre
Why pay sky high payday loans?
Personal loan (1 yr. on job, $15/hr min. req.)
Car paid off? (2002 or newer - up to $15,000)
Affordable rates!
Think smart. Think Prudent.
PrudentLoanApprovals.com
416.634.2013

Effective and cost effective.
To advertise in Metro's Service Directory, call Ian today!
416-486-4900 ext. 232
metro Do it daily.

BROKERS national 500 loan service
by phone, no credit refused, quick and easy, payable over 3, 12, or 6 installments.
Call toll free:
1-877-776-1660

BDO BDO Dunwoody Limited
Get out of debt without going bankrupt
• Reduce amount you must pay back
• Consolidate debt
• Stop interest
• Protect your assets
bdodebthelp.ca
Locations throughout the GTA
1 800 561-DEBT (3328)
Trustee in Bankruptcy - Credit Counsellors - Proposal Administrators

MORTGAGE APPROVED!
• 1st and 2nd Mortgage for any purpose.
• Purchase or re-finance up to 95%!
• Rates well below posted!
• Consolidate cards into one payment.
• Investment Loans to $100,000 OAC.
• Self-employed? No income qualifying?
• Good, bad or no credit?
• Behind on Mortgage Payments?
www.homefreefinance.ca
Commerce Ventures
416.913.9593 or 647.273.5626

LEGAL

CRIMINAL RECORD?
From $399
PARDON U.S. WAIVER
Start your file with $100
1 6 913-4300

DIVORCE

SIMPLE (UNCONTESTED)
DIVORCE
ezdivorce.ca
1-888-EZ-EZ-123
3 9 3 9
Lawyer-prepared and filed for you
Member Better Business Bureau

Quick DIVORCE
Lawyer-Prepared
Fr. $300
705 Lawrence Ave. W Unit# 205
Close to Lawrence West Subway Stn.
416-849-4200
(Open 6 days: Mon-Sat)

PSYCHICS

PROFESSOR KALISHA
Solve all your problems, love, bad luck, success, protection, business, family problems, court cases, divorces, immediate solutions.
Guaranteed 100%
Call - 416.320.1683

The Money Source
LOANS
FOR WHATEVER YOUR NEEDS MAY BE!
APPLY ONLINE TODAY!
www.mymoneysource.ca
or call (416) 699-2274
License # 11127

PAYDAY LOANS
Up to $1,000 Same Day!!
Toronto Downtown
(416) 670-5626
North York/Scarborough
(416) 633-2274
*50% off for the first loan with AD

Hargitay hints at departure from show
Mariska Hargitay has hinted she may be leaving top cop show Law + Order: SVU after a decade to spend more time as a mom. Her son, August, was born in 2006 and the actress admits she and husband Peter Hermann are trying for a second child. IMDB.COM

Here come the fillers

NBC shows getting bulked up to cover airtime

IntelleVision

Rick McGinnis
rick.mcginnis@metronews.ca

NOW I KNOW THE NETWORKS ARE IN TROUBLE: Casablanca, a much-loved film classic, is 102 minutes long. The Wizard Of Oz is 101 minutes, and Citizen Kane is 105 minutes, but when Celebrity Apprentice returns to NBC early next year, it will be two hours long, with commercials.

I'm not sure what that all means, but I think it bears thinking about.

"Donald has always felt the boardrooms were too short, and I think he's right," Mark Burnett, the show's executive producer, told TV Week magazine. "Right now, there's really only about nine minutes of footage that we use and the boardroom (scenes) go on for hours sometimes. The problem has been trying to squeeze it all in. Every season we go through the struggle of cutting the show down."

A shortfall in programming was one of the outcomes feared when the writer's strike ground on to a third month, and it seems to have played out on cue, especially at NBC, the most erratic and afflicted of the four networks, especially under the up-is-down-black-is-white reign of Ben Silverman.

Celebrity Apprentice isn't the only show that's getting bulked up to fill airtime — The Biggest Loser: Couples will be expanding to fit a 2-hour slot on Tuesdays, and Howie Do It, the new Howie Mandel comedy vehicle co-produced by NBC and Canwest, will be hour-long on Fridays.

According to TV Week, NBC will feature at least five hours of unscripted programming in primetime every week this winter.

"A shortfall in programming was one of the outcomes feared when the writer's strike ground on to a third month, and it seems to have played out on cue, especially at NBC."

And if that doesn't work out, there are live executions and all those hours of Japanese game shows where people take pot shots at each other over shark tanks and open sewers.

COOKED UP: First Gordon Ramsay's career goes into power dive when he's hit with allegations of cheating on his wife and betraying the family man image he's cultivated over the years, and now Nigella Lawson is accused of riding a fake bus and cooking in a fake home.

The UK Daily Mail tabloid accused Lawson of deceiving her viewers by staging a scene of her riding a London bus with extras, and of shooting the cooking scenes supposedly set at her home in a studio. Lawson fired back at the "dingbats" at the Mail in a Guardian article, saying that viewers know what they're watching. "When I say on TV, 'This cake takes 20 minutes to bake" and then one minute later it's ready, what do they think I have done? Do they think I have some kind of Time Lord qualities?"

If this looks at all ridiculous, let's just remember we're talking about British food programs, the mere existence of which is an improbability defying all known laws of nature.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Oscar job unlikely: Gervais

AWARDS Funnyman Ricky Gervais doubts he will be handed the job of hosting the upcoming Oscars because he is too controversial, imdb.com reports.

The Office star is rumoured to be in the running for the prestigious role of MC at the Academy Awards ceremony in February. But Gervais is convinced Oscars bosses will end up giving the position to a less headstrong star.

"I don't think it will happen," Gervais says. "Americans do get my humour but in the words of Jerry Seinfeld, "The Oscars isn't about comedy, it's about a bunch of people turning up to see if they get an award.' It is a huge deal and it's very flattering to be considered but I'm not sure I would be right."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Good Voices Wanted For TV and RADIO

TRYOUTS BY PHONE for men and women with Radio/TV potential are on at Canada's NIB Broadcast Training Centre.

"We offer special Studio Courses full time or part time for people with good voices, all ages," says Mary Adams, "For News, Sports and Commercials, as Talk Hosts, Entertainment Reporters, DJs and Celebrity Interviewers."
Places are limited. To try your voice -

"Just Phone, Listen, Talk!" (416) 922-5988

GETTY IMAGES PHOTO

Seth MacFarlane

Family Guy creator also smartest guy

MAGAZINE Family Guy and American Dad creator Seth MacFarlane tops Entertainment Weekly's list of the 25 smartest people in television. The magazine says Family Guy DVDs and merchandise have earned a reported US$1 billion. MacFarlane is the highest-paid writer on TV, with a Family Guy spinoff called The Cleveland Show in the works. Says Entertainment Weekly: "That frat-boy persona is only a cover." 30 Rock creator and Sarah Palin imitator Tina Fey is second on the magazine's list. CBS Paramount Network Entertainment chief Nancy Tellem is third. Oprah Winfrey came in sixth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

See complete online movie listings, trailers, reviews and purchase tickets at metronews.ca/movies

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 12/4/08	265	353	2	TVO	Megastructures		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Foyle's War "All Clear"		Masterworks (Part 2 of 2)		Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	Survivor: Gabon (N)		The Office (N)	Billable Hours	Fascinating People of 2008		News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere II	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6	CBC	NHL Hockey New York Rangers at Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)						CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Ugly Betty (N)		30 Rock	30 Rock	Friends	Friends	News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	etalk	Hollywood	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Grey's Anatomy (N)		(10:01) ER (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	218	345	11	E!	The Insider (N)	E! News	Name Is Earl	Kath & Kim (N)	*The Road to Christmas* (2006, Comedy) Jennifer Grey.				News (N)
	137	763	13	TFO	Panorama		Rêver le francais		*Le Corbeau* ★★★ (1943, Suspense)			Photos	Volt
	-	-	14	-	Cold Case "Colors"		News (N)		News (N)		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	213	326	15	SUN	Scrubs	George Lopez	Smallville "Plastique"		Supernatural (HDTV)		To Serve and Protect		Grill Rm.
	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Survivor: Gabon (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		(10:01) Eleventh Hour		News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Name Is Earl	Kath & Kim (N)	The Office (N)	30 Rock	(10:01) ER (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ugly Betty (N)		Grey's Anatomy (N)		Fascinating People of 2008		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	*Santa Baby* (2006, Comedy) Jenny McCarthy, Ivan Sergei.				(10:01) Eleventh Hour		News (N)
	-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy (N)	Two/Half Men	Kitchen Nightmares (PA)		Kitchen Nightmares (PA)		Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS	News-Lehrer	Goodnight Swt.	The This Old House Hour (N)		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Business Rpt.
	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	Smallville "Plastique"		Supernatural (HDTV)		CW11 News at Ten (N)		Two/Half Men
	296	654	331	SBK	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dr. Phil (HDTV PA) (N)		WBZ News (N)	'70s Show	Frasier	Frasier	Punk'd
	298	653	332	TLA	Jamie Foxx	Wayans Bros.	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	Family Guy	Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smallville
news	502	390	26	NW	CBC News	Newman	The Hour John Bolton.		CBC News: The National		The Nature of Things		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		CNN Presents "Scream Bloody Murder" Genocide. (N)				Cooper 360
	509	504	79	CNB	CNBC Reports				On the Money		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money
sports	405	417	22	net	World Combat	Best Damn Sports Show		Hockeycentral	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Phoenix Coyotes. (HDTV) (Live)				
	400	400	30	TSN	That's Hockey!	Madden Nation	NFL Football Oakland Raiders at San Diego Chargers. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre
	411	457	58	OLN	Ed's Up	Videos	Commando: On the Front Line		Survivorman		Pilot Guides Specials		Pilot Guides
	417	406	81	SC	Pinks	Pass Time	Pinks -- All Out		Pinks -- All Out (HDTV)		Wrecked	Wrecked	Pinks
family	551	542	25	YTV	H2O, Just Add	Prank Patrol	Malcolm-Mid.	Sabrina-Witch	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	Santa Claus	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	The Critic	Robot Chicken	Code Monkeys
	556	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Will & Grace	Friends	Divine Design	House	Confidential	Save Us-House	Divine Design	House	Love It-List It
	570	580	29	MM	Gossip Girl (HDTV)		All Access	You Can Dance		Dance	Gossip Girl (HDTV)		Video on Trial
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Wannabe"		The First 48		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		Crime 360
	700	800	35	TLN	Centrovetrine	Sky TG 24	Molise Terra d'Incanto (Italian).		Sicilia: la Terra Benedetta		Raymond	Raymond	George Lopez
	571	581	36	MMM	mmmtop	Back In	MuchMoreMusicOnStage		VideoFlow	Revival	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Party of Five
	575	583	38	CMT	Totally	Hollywood	The 42nd Annual CMA Awards Festivities honor excellence in country music.						Gone Country
	616	521	39	SHO	Painkiller Jane		ReGenesis "Haze"		Trailer Park	Trailer Park	NUMB3RS "Trust Metric"		House
	620	523	40	BVO	Desperate Housewives		Snapshot	In the Mind ...	*Cake* (2005, Romance-Comedy) Heather Graham.				Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	End of Leash	ET Canada	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		X-Weighted		The Biggest Loser		Rich Poor
	522	506	43	HIS	NCIS "Kill Ari"		Lost Worlds		Finding the Fallen		NCIS "Kill Ari"		Crime Stories
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Colbert Christmas: Gift		Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Holmes on Homes Attic.		The Fix	Disaster DIY	Home to Flip	Real Renos (N)	Holmes-Homes
	294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Romy and Michele's High School Reunion* ★★ (1997)				Cheers	Seinfeld	Family Guy
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park	Theater-Mind	*Waist Deep* ★ (2006, Action) Tyrese Gibson, Larenz Tate.				American Gangster (N)		Judge Hatchett
	627	528	50	SPC	Lost		Star Trek: Voyager		Battlestar Galactica		Chuck (HDTV)		Stargate SG-1
	581	566	52	MTV	Busted	After	MTV News	Cribs	The Hills	Super Sweet	True Life		MTV Live
	618	524	54	TROP	Beverly Hills, 90210		Make or Break	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier	Family Guy
	603	561	56	FOOD	The Main	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Unwrapped	Secret Life of	Jamie's Kitchen Australia (N)		Restaurant
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		Wait for God	Keeping Up	*Before Sunrise* ★★★ (1995, Romance) Ethan Hawke.				Emily-Moon
	621	527	63	STR	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		TMZ (N)	etalk	Look-A-Like	etalk Profile	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		TMZ
	553	546	65	TRE	Magic C'mas	Nght Grdn	Toot & Puddle	Franklin	Little Bear	Maggie-Beast	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie Olie	Beren. Bears
	115	711	101	TVA	La Fièvre de la danse (SC)		A New Day: Céline live à Las Vegas (HDTV)				TVA 22 heures	(10:45) Denis Lévesque	
	126	730	102	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	526	507	249	VIVA	Judging Amy		Commander In Chief		The West Wing		Passion	Homicide File	Psychic Inv.
	300	601	301	M1	(6:55) *Beowulf* ★★ (2007, Adventure), Angelina Jolie				*City of Men* ★★★ (2007, Drama) Douglas Silva.				*Pan's Lab*
	305	612	306	PIX	*Avenging War.*	*Red Sundown* ★★ (1956, Western)			*Posse* ★★★ (1993, Western) Mario Van Peebles.				*Suspicious Rvr*

critics'corner

Before Sunrise
An American (Ethan Hawke) traveling by train to Vienna, Austria, encounters a beautiful French student (Julie Delpy) on her way back to Paris. After the two strike up a conversation over coffee, he suggests she come with him so they can spend more time together before his flight home. This romantic 1995 film marked a departure for "Slacker" director Richard Linklater. 9 PM on V

Cake
Heather Graham stars in this 2005 romantic comedy as a perpetually single travel writer who takes over the operation of her ill father's bridal magazine. To help her learn the ropes, her dad assigns her a mentor (David Sutcliffe) — who happens to be the same guy she drunkenly hit on at a friend's wedding. Taye Diggs and Sandra Oh also star. 9 PM on BVO

McDermott's divorce nearly finalized

Actor Dylan McDermott will soon be a single man once again. On Tuesday, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge ruled that the divorce between McDermott and his wife, Shiva Rose, will be finalized on Jan. 2. **THECELEBRITYCAFE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Kevin a happy dad

PARENTING Kevin Federline has been called many things in the nearly five years since Britney Spears walked into his life: Golddigger, wannabe rapper, partier. These days he answers to one name: Daddy, People.com reports.

Since splitting with Spears in 2006, the former back-up dancer, 30, has channelled all of his energy into their sons Preston, 3, and Jayden, 2.

"My first question to (my lawyer) was, 'Am I ever going to be able to see my children?'" Federline said, regarding working out a custody arrangement with Spears.

She was the one who called it quits on their marriage, he added.

"It's hard enough to be in a marriage, and then have a kid, then kids, it changes everything," Federline said. "For me, I'd become more concerned with my children. Not that I ignored Britney, but my kids are always most important ... I mean, we were having complications. I didn't give her an ultimatum, but I was trying to work stuff out with her."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Spears gets proposals

PROPOSALS Britney Spears has received two marriage proposals, female-first.co.uk reports.

The singer, who has wed twice before, is said to have been propositioned by her paparazzo ex-boyfriend Adnan Ghalib, who she met up with in September.

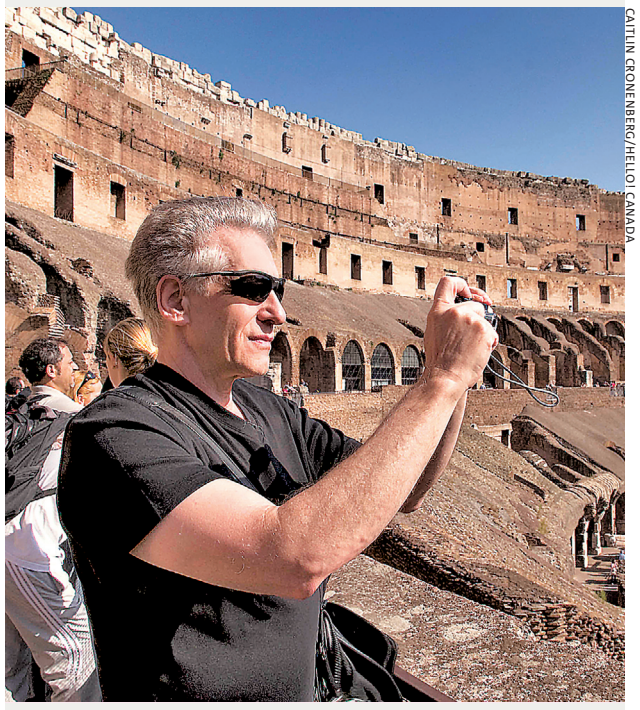
"Adnan has been bombarding Britney with texts telling her he loves her … He has even asked her to marry him," a source said. "Britney was taken aback. She and Adnan have amazing chemistry. But she knows he is bad news, and now friends and family are worried she will give him a second chance."

However, Spears has also reportedly received a proposal from hair salon manager Salvatore D'Angelo, whom she was introduced to last month.

"Salvatore just came out with it and popped the question two weeks ago … Britney was thrilled but told him she has to concentrate on work and being a good mother to her two sons. However, she said if he still feels the same way at the end of next year, she will consider marrying him."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

HELLO! Hot shot of the week



CAITLIN CRONENBERG/HELLO! CANADA

Recently honoured in Rome with a retrospective of his work, filmmaker David Cronenberg reflects on a trip to the Italian captial exclusively in HELLO! Canada. "It was a very sweet experience," writes the Toronto-born Eastern Promises director, who brought his family, including his photographer daughter Caitlin (who took the picture, above, at the Colosseum).

HELLO! CANADA magazine, now available on newsstands – read more at hellomagazine.ca

Watts to pose in buff for art

ART Actress Naomi Watts is to strip for a nude painting by a top Australian artist, imdb.com reports.

Watts has reportedly agreed to pose for David Bromley, who is famed for his naked portraits of famous women, as part of his submission for Australia's prestigious Archibald Prize next year.

Bromley, who has also painted Kylie Minogue, is delighted the star has agreed to the project.

"My people are talking to her people," he says.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Miller's rep blasts British press

RUMOUR Sienna Miller's representative has blasted the British press for alleging the actress had split from oil heir Balthazar Getty last month, insisting recent quotes attributed to the star are "three years old," imdb.com reports.

The actress has been romantically linked to Getty since the summer when they were seen in Prague in the Czech Republic, on the set of Miller's new movie G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra.

Miller was rumoured to have broken off her romance with Getty. She was then alleged to have confirmed the split and was quoted as saying, "I'm single at the moment, and I'm completely happy with that."

Miller and Getty later appeared to have rekindled their love affair, after they were spotted together in London last week.

But Miller's spokesperson claims the couple never parted ways in the first place, and is adamant the quotes have been rehashed from an old interview, because the actress hasn't commented on her private life in recent weeks.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Coleman pleads no contest in court

LEGAL Actor Gary Coleman has pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct after attacking a photographer outside a Utah bowling alley, imdb.com reports.

The former Diff'rent Strokes star was in court on Tuesday to face charges stemming from the incident, which took place earlier this year. He was fined.

Coleman and his wife reportedly hit Colt Rushton with their vehicle in a Payson parking lot after he refused to stop taking cellphone snapshots of the couple.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Olsen's rep denies pregnancy reports

RUMOUR Despite a recent National Enquirer report, Mary-Kate Olsen is not expecting her first child, us-magazine.com reports.

"Mary-Kate is absolutely not pregnant," her rep said. According to the paper, rumours the 22-year-old was pregnantstarted when her weight shot up to 102 pounds.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Chenoweth to pen memoirs

BOOK Actress/singer Kristin Chenoweth is the latest celebrity to write about her own life in a forthcoming memoir, imdb.com reports. The Pushing Daisies star will discuss being adopted, her rise to fame, and her role in the hit Broadway show Wicked. The book is scheduled to hit shelves in April.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

SMART GIFTS THAT DON'T COST THE EARTH

Our gorgeous gifts have been designed with our beautiful planet in mind. We've dried the leaves of renewable plants like bamboo, palm and coconut to make wonderful gift boxes and containers, and sourced Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified papers where possible.

GIFTS $25 AND UNDER

Fruity Body Butter Bonanza $25
A gift you can feel good about giving. Packed with Community Trade shea and cocoa butters, our body butters provide moisturization for up to 24 hours.

FESTIVE GIFTS

Merry Cranberry $45
This beautifully packaged gift set features our most popular cranberry products with Community Trade ingredients and fragrant cranberry seed oil.

FOR MEN

For Men Maca Root Rituals $48
With Peruvian maca root and Community Trade brazil nut oil, this shaving kit includes everything he needs for a clean, close shave.

FOR NEIGHBOR, TEACHER

Peppermint Cooling Foot Heaven $20
With cooling and naturally deodorizing Community Trade peppermint oil, this complete pedicure set will make someone special believe in "foot heaven on earth."

FOR HOSTESS

Joyful Aromas $32
This great hostess gift set has everything she needs to fill her home with the fragrance of zesty Satsuma and Exotic.

FOR TEEN

All That Glitters $38
Give some glitz and glamour with silver eye shadow and liner to make eyes pop, and an eyelash curler and mascara to create long, to-die-for lashes — perfect for holiday parties.

THE BODY SHOP®
www.thebodyshop.com

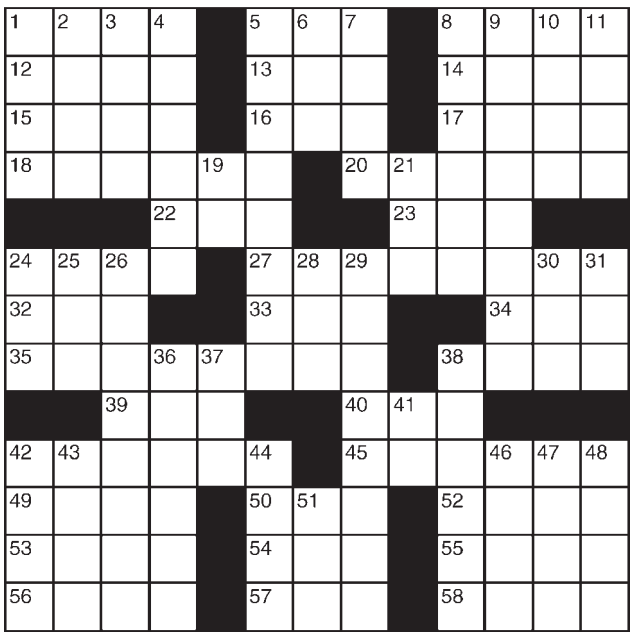
The Weather Network 20 YEARS
TWN incorporates MSC data

Today 40% Flurries 2° / -6°
Friday Partly cloudy -3° / -8°
Saturday 40% Flurries -3° / -4°

WarningsDirect Stay Alert! Stay Alive!
Be alerted of Severe Weather on your cell phone before it happens.
To sign up text cityname warn* to 69896 (MyTWN)
*Eg. Ottawa Warn $3.00 monthly charge applies.
Based on weather warnings by Environment Canada.

Take Five

For more delicious Metro recipes, visit: **metronews.ca/food**



Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		5					1	9
	7	2		4	1			
3			8					
9		6	7		8			
	8						9	
			3		2	5		8
					9			1
			4	7		9	3	
2	4					6		

Crossword across

1 Oologist's subject
5 Adipose tissue
8 Roundish hairstyle
12 Reynolds or Lancaster
13 Falsehood
14 Whip
15 Heehaw
16 Commercials
17 Den
18 Rental flat, perhaps
20 Play a piccolo
22 Will Ferrell
Christmas movie
23 Dog's foot
24 Sword handle
27 In the wings
32 Under the weather
33 OPEC commodity
34 Set up
35 Italian "slipper" bread
38 Nevada city
39 Yank
40 Dead heat
42 Piano style
45 Erratically
changeable
49 Lady's guy
50 Sapporo sash
52 Privy to
53 Carbon compound
54 "— Miniver"
55 Have an inclination
56 Force unit
57 "Humbug!"
58 Lambs' dams

Crossword down

1 Recedes
2 Pundit
3 Snatch
4 Thin surgical implement
5 Beat cop (Sl.)
6 Succor
7 Criterion
8 Showing buoyancy
9 Eating utensils
10 Disturb
11 Shrek, e.g.
19 Urban transport
21 Chances, for short
24 Toper's interrupter
25 "The Greatest"
26 Pressing need?
28 Suitable
29 Halibut, for one
30 Card player's call
31 Swelled head
36 Bale
37 Time of your life?
38 Speak from memory
41 Afternoon hour on a sundial
42 Coaster
43 Small horse
44 "Who's buried in Grant's —?"
46 Recognized
47 Unescorted
48 Odds' mates
51 Support system?

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

9	7	8	2	4	5	3	1	6
4	3	2	7	1	6	5	9	8
1	5	6	8	9	3	2	7	4
2	6	1	3	8	4	9	5	7
5	9	4	6	7	2	8	3	1
3	8	7	1	5	9	4	6	2
8	1	3	5	2	7	6	4	9
7	4	5	9	6	8	1	2	3
6	2	9	4	3	1	7	8	5

Find today's answers + play more games at metronews.ca

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Steak Skewered with Two Onions

INGREDIENTS:
1 1/2 lb (680 g) sirloin or rump steak, trimmed of all fat
2 medium red onions
8 fat scallions
1 tbsp (15 mL) Dijon mustard
1 tsp (5 mL) Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp (2 mL) red wine vinegar
Salt and black pepper
4 tbsp (60 mL) light olive oil

METHOD:
1. Preheat grill to high. Cut meat into 20 equal cubes. Peel, top and tail of red onions, cut in half widthwise and cut each half into four wedges. Rinse scallions, trim to lengths of 4 in. (10 cm) and cut in half lengthwise.
2. Onto each of four metal skewers, about 16 in. (40 cm) long, thread five pieces of meat, alternating with a combination of red onions and scallions.
3. Lay the skewers across grill pan or roasting pan, balancing ends on the rim.
4. Mix mustard, Worcestershire sauce, vinegar, salt, and pepper in a small bowl, then whisk in oil.
5. Brush half the mixture over kabobs, then grill, close to the heat source, for 3–5 minutes. Turn skewers, brush with remaining mixture and grill for a further 3–5 minutes.

SERVES 4

rd.ca
For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to **rd.ca** or check out **Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!**

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A bitter person's aloofness makes you smile. Nothing can get you down for long. Tell everyone about better ways to succeed.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A person's reaction will be over the top. It's up to you to give a reality check. Anything can happen if you respond happily to a request.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Now is the time to yield to a sense of enchantment. You'll move easily into an alliance. Be fair to a shy person.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Don't set aside a commitment. The signs of the future are all around. You'll gain the sympathy of a friend.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A former party-girl is longing for pure devotion. Don't try to catch up in a silly debate. A transit delay can reduce the number of your boring tasks.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
An illness has unforeseen consequences. A beginner's loyalty is tested. Compose yourself and think again about a decision.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A misunderstanding brings about a fortunate friendship. A loss of nerve comes out in the open. An angry man is passionately awaited.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Business confusion is blamed for misbehaviour. Nobody knows that your feelings are deep. A lucky person doesn't let a chance go by.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
An obsession interferes in a new relationship. Deliberate flippancy won't be highly regarded. A fantasy won't give you any security.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A sensible man gives wonderful gifts. It's time to see a doctor. Having different options will please you.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Your energy level rises as time goes by. An unexpected gift comes in the nick of time. Someone will be forced to leave.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The reason for a bit of gossip will stun you. Resist being stuck in a dreary rut. An outgoing friend has broken a meaningless bond.

Bayview Village Fashion Outlet
NAME BRAND CLOTHING FOR LESS
60-80% OFF! ENTIRE STORE!
TAKE AN ADDITIONAL 10-30% OFF
the already reduced prices, when you buy more than one item!
Assortment of designer coats, evening wear, shoes & many other gift ideas under $20
326 Sheppard Ave. E. • 416.226.4232 • Customer Parking at rear
Monday to Friday 10am – 8pm • Saturday 10am – 6pm • Closed Sunday
WWW.FASHIONOUTLET.CA

TRAIN TO BECOME A PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER!
LEARN:
• Palliative Care
• Vital Signs
• Personal Care
• Mobility Training
SERVICES:
• Convenient Class Schedules
• Job Placement Assistance
• Financial Assistance (for those who qualify)
Classes begin soon!
BE ON THE JOB IN WEEKS!
Medix School
West 416-630-8021 • East 416-701-1201
www.medixschool.ca
REAL PEOPLE, REAL TRAINING, REAL JOBS

HBO Canada OnDemand℠ lets you enjoy episodes of your favourite HBO® shows any time. It's television that fits your schedule.

HBO CANADA ONDEMAND℠ IS HERE.

YOUR ENTOURAGE AWAITS.

Get **50% off** for the first two months.[1]
Call **1 866-939-4020** or visit **rogers.com/hbo**

Get it all with your Movie Network subscription.

HBO CANADA ONDEMAND℠

ROGERS™

UP TO 15% DISCOUNT FOR CUSTOMERS WITH MULTIPLE ROGERS PRODUCTS – TV, INTERNET, HOME PHONE AND WIRELESS PHONE.[2]

Basic Cable and Digital Box required. Programming may vary by region. **1**. Regular monthly rates apply after promotional period. **2**. Discount applies to monthly recurring service fees for eligible services. Minimum 24-month term required. Go to rogers.com/bundles for details. HBO Canada;℠ Entourage℠ and the associated logos are service marks of Home Box Office, Inc. used under license. © 2008 Home Box Office Inc. All rights reserved. ™The Movie Network, Mpix and its associated logos are trademarks of Astral Broadcasting Group Inc.
™Rogers and the Mobius design are trademarks of Rogers Communications Inc. used under license. © 2008 Rogers Cable.

HYUNDAI™

ANNOUNCING 0% PURCHASE FINANCING FOR 72 MOS.◊ ON ALL 2008s

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

THE SEASON TO SHOP SMART

25th Anniversary Edition shown

2009 Tucson 25th Anniversary Edition

A $2,500 VALUE FOR NO CHARGE

INCLUDES:
• **Power Sunroof** • **In-dash Garmin™ Navigation System** • Premium Kenwood Sound System • Body Colour Exterior Mirrors

Lease from

$257** at 4.1% Nominal Lease Rate

per mo./60 mos. $3,221 Down Payment (D & D Incl.)

Limited model shown

2008 Santa Fe

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

0% PURCHASE FINANCING FOR 72 MONTHS◊

On all remaining 2008 models.

Accent. "Most Dependable Sub-Compact Car in the U.S." -J.D. POWER AND ASSOCIATES

2009 Accent L 3Dr

THE PRICE OF DEPENDABILITY IS SURPRISINGLY AFFORDABLE.

Starting from $9,995♦ Cash Purchase Price

$3,600 Cash Purchase Adjustment

Or lease from

$169** at 1.9% Nominal Lease Rate

per mo./60 mos. $1,275 Down Payment (D & D Incl.)

For info. only 12.07%** Effective lease rate for 60 mos.

GL Sport model shown

Limited model shown

The redesigned 2009 Sonata GL

Starting from $17,995♦ Cash Purchase Price

$4,000 Cash Purchase Adjustment

Or lease from

$244** at 0% Nominal Lease Rate

per mo./48 mos. $3,241 Down Payment (D & D Incl.)

For info. only 8.09%** Effective lease rate for 48 mos.

2009 Elantra L

Leasing an Elantra just got SMARTER

Lease from $186** at 2.9% Nominal Lease Rate

per mo./48 mos. $2,043 Down Payment (D & D Incl.)

Limited model shown

THE SMART PLACE TO SHOP THIS HOLIDAY.

5 YEAR WARRANTY

5 YEAR /100,000 KM COMPREHENSIVE LIMITED WARRANTY†† ALL HYUNDAI WARRANTIES HAVE NO DEDUCTIBLE.

www.hyundaicanada.com

HYUNDAI™

GRADUATE REBATE PROGRAM

™The Hyundai names, logos, product names, feature names, images and slogans are trade marks owned by Hyundai Auto Canada Corp., and used under licence. ♦Cash purchase price adjustments are for cash purchases only and are calculated against the lease/finance starting price. Cash purchase price adjustments are available on all 2009 Accent 3 Dr L of $3,600/2009 Sonata of $4,000. Cash purchase prices for models shown: 2009 Accent GL Sport/2009 Sonata Limited of $15,695/$27,495. Delivery and Destination charges of ($1,345/$1,415) are not included. Registration, insurance, licence fees and all applicable taxes are excluded. Delivery and Destination charge includes freight, P.D.E., dealer admin fees and a full tank of gas. ◊Purchase Financing available O.A.C. from Hyundai Financial Services on all new 2008 models. Financing example: 2008 Santa Fe GL 2.7L FWD 5-speed at $25,995 at 0% per annum equals $361.04 per month for 72 months for a total obligation of $25,995. Cash price is $25,995 and cost of borrowing is $0. Example price does not include Delivery & Destination, registration, insurance, licence fees and all applicable taxes. **Lease offers available O.A.C. from Hyundai Financial Services based on a new 2009 Tucson 25th Anniversary Edition/2009 Accent L 3Dr 5-speed/2009 Sonata GL I4 5-speed/2009 Elantra L with a nominal lease rate of 4.1%/1.9%/0%/2.9%. Nominal lease rates are based on interest charges only. Monthly payment is $257/$169/$244/$186 per month for a 60/60/48/48 month walk-away lease. Down Payment of $3,221/$1,275/$3,241/$2,043 and first monthly payment required. Total lease obligation is $18,641/$11,415/$14,953/$10,971. Lease offers include Delivery and Destination ($1,610/$1,345/$1,415/$1,345). Applicable licence fees, insurance, registration, PPSA ($45), and taxes are excluded. $0 security deposit on all models. 20,000 km allowance per year applies. Additional charge of $0.10/km. Delivery and Destination charge includes freight, P.D.E., dealer admin fees and a full tank of gas. Effective lease rates are partially based on the cash purchase adjustment foregone by leasing a new 2009 Accent L 3Dr/2009 Sonata GL I4 5-speed with an effective lease rate of 12.07%/8.09% for 60/48 months. ◆◊**Offers available for a limited time and subject to change or cancellation without notice. See dealer for complete details. Dealer may sell for less. ΔHyundai Accent received the lowest number of problems per 100 vehicles among compact multi-activity vehicles in the proprietary J.D. Power and Associates 2008 U.S. Vehicle Dependability Study℠. Study based on responses from over 52,000 original U.S. owners of 2005 model-year vehicles, measuring more than 250 models. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of owners surveyed in January to April 2008. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com. ΔSee your dealer for eligible vehicles and full details of the Graduate Rebate Program. ††Hyundai's Comprehensive Limited Warranty coverage covers most vehicle components against defects in workmanship under normal use and maintenance conditions.